

Proposals to settle land claims by Israel Arabs

Jerusalem Post Staff

COMPROMISE PROPOSALS to settle land disputes between the Government and Galilee and Negev Arabs have been formulated by a high-level Government committee and will be brought for Cabinet approval, probably today.

Officials said the general intention is to achieve a generous compromise without hindering development projects already on the drawing boards.

The committee was headed by Prime Minister Yehoshua Rabin and also comprised Police Minister Shimon Peres, Arab Affairs Minister Shimon Peres, Lands Authority head Meir Zorea, and the director-general of the Prime Minister's office, Amos Eran. Among the proposals they offer are:

• **Galilee.** Here 20,000 dunams will be requisitioned. Officials say only 9,000 dunams of this are Arab-owned, and 6,500 of them are around the Jewish towns of Upper Nazareth and Carmel.

These 6,500 dunams have been the focus of much unrest among Galilee Arab leaders. The committee proposes to award their owners especially high compensation — that which would be given were the land already developed.

• **Negev.** This affects 1.5m. dunams of scrub land between Arad and Beersheba. Beduin in the area have so far been unsuccessful in several court actions to establish title to these lands. The committee proposes that where the Beduin occupation is recognized, they shall receive half of the compensation they would have been given had the land actually belonged to them.

Of this compensation, two-fifths will be in the form of alternative land near half a dozen new Beduin townships. The remaining three-fifths will be in cash.

• **Kafr Kassem** near Petah Tikva and Mitya near Ma'alot. The committee appears to make no specific recommendation in these two areas, the Government has sought to regulate land claims, but not local opposition. It has accordingly set up a Supreme Compensation Committee, whose members will be Messrs. Tolodan and Zorea and Mrs. Fina Abek of the Justice Ministry.

• **Area nine in Lower Galilee.** This is an army training range spread over 4,200 dunams in which local Arabs from the villages of Saknin, Arraba and Rama have cultivated fields. The committee proposes that cultivation be allowed to continue — in half of the area throughout the year, and in the other half as well when training exercises are not in progress.

The committee, which was set up to deal with problems concerning lands at present occupied or used by Arabs, did not deal with the one-time Lebanese border villages of Birim and Dirit, which have been uninhabited since the War of Independence. But the question of the villages, whose former inhabitants now live elsewhere in Israel, will be brought up soon in the Cabinet, it was learned yesterday.

Transport Ministry approves FEWER BUSES FROM TODAY

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Egged will reduce its services as of this morning — with the approval of the Ministry of Transport.

The approval was announced in a Ministry statement issued through the Government Press Office and titled, "Alterations in the Frequency of Egged Bus Service." On Friday — even before the Transport Ministry announced its approval — Egged said that, beginning today, it will reduce the frequency of trips on a number of lines throughout the country. Most of the reductions will occur during hours in which there are very few passengers in any case.

In the Haifa area, the bus company will move up the hour at which the last bus travels.

Egged claims that substantial savings will result from the reductions of 500,000 "superfluous"

kilometres normally covered by 95 buses driven by 200 drivers.

The Government may approve "regional transport bus cooperative" to serve areas Egged Bus Cooperative would drop as uneconomic. Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi told reporters in Tel Aviv on Friday.

The approval would not come before April, he added.

Ya'acobi also said public transport was "more entitled to Government subsidization than any commodity." He said the rapid growth in use of private vehicles was "causing problems" not only to the authorities but to the motorists as well.

He refused to give reporters his views on permitting public transport on Saturdays, saying, "I am not anti-religious, and I would not like to be the one responsible for initiating a *halukampur* in Israel."

Air crews likely to get higher gross pay

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE FINANCE Ministry has hinted that it will most likely allow the wages of El Al air crews to rise to compensate them for loss of the special low taxation they have been enjoying on the foreign-currency part of their earnings.

Answering questions before the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday, Ministry director-general Amos Eran said the Minister, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, "is inclined towards solving" the matter "through the wage agreement rather than through changing the income-tax reform law." He added that the matter would be taken up soon by the Ministerial Economics Committee.

This view was backed up on Friday by State Revenue director Moshe Neudorfer. He told the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club that the Finance Minister has no intention of amending the reformed law to make up for the loss of the aircrews' one-time privilege of being taxed on the foreign-currency part of their earnings on a basis that treated one pound sterling as if it were one Israeli pound. (The foreign currency is paid to the air crews for maintenance while abroad.)

Describing the problem as a complicated one, he said that the El Al men had for 1975 paid the full taxes on all of their income but had benefited by a special arrangement under which they were guaranteed no drop in their real net income for that year. Noting that the agreement ends in one month, he said a solution must be found as part of the new wage agreement.

A senior El Al pilot, interviewed that day at Ben-Gurion Airport, warned that any drop in the crew's real income would "affect our efficiency."

The pilots, he said, did not care how their real income was maintained after the current agreement.

runs out on April 1, just as long as it was maintained. "El Al has paid so far, and they'll go on paying. And if El Al wants to raise our wages by 20 per cent — what business is it of the public's?"

Asked whether he was aware that El Al's financial situation was serious, he said "that's the company's problem. Let them cut their expenditures, and begin a comprehensive study to see how they can do it. Why should the pilots suffer?"

He continued: "For my part they can shut down now and pay me my severance pay, and then reopen on another basis, as the Finance and Transport Ministers see fit, and whatever pilot wants to join them, can."

The Council of the Pilots Association reportedly met on Friday over the wage matter, but no details were available.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi also indicated on Friday that handling of air and sea crews' wages would not require a change in the reformed tax laws. He told the Press Club at Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolov that talks on the wage matter were not yet completed, but centered on three principles: consideration of the crews' special working conditions; execution of the tax reform; and preservation and development of El Al.

He had not yet formulated a final position on the matter, he said, and it was untrue that he was pressuring the Finance Minister. He noted that "even if it is decided to preserve the nominal net pay, this does not mean preserving the real net, as a 25-30 per cent inflation is forecast for this year." He added that the fact that the crews had enjoyed a special taxation arrangement for years did not justify it; the arrangement had been a distortion, and one grounded not in the law but only in wage agreements.

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'AVIATION WEEK' — Egypt's navy getting a hovercraft fleet

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — The Egyptian navy is establishing an air cushion vehicle fleet, starting with three British Hovercraft formerly owned by the British Ministry of Defence and used for navy and army trials.

"Aviation Week and Space Technology" reports this week.

The magazine said that Egyptian crews have already been trained at Crows, Isle of Wight, and that Saudi Arabia, which has similar models, has been cooperating with Egypt on spare holdings.

The magazine also says that Egypt and Britain appear to have abandoned proposals to have Egypt's Soviet-made Mig-21 fighter planes fitted with British-made Rolls Royce Spey jet engines.

The proposed Mig-Spey deal would have required costly engineering and fuselage rebuilding, which would have been time-consuming and cost-inflating, "Aviation Week" said.

"As a result of the unfavorable cost and time factors uncovered in the study, it now appears that a military faction in Egypt, composed of high-ranking but younger air force commanders, is pushing President Anwar Sadat for a go-ahead on designing an all-Egyptian aircraft that could use the Spey off the shelf or be fitted with another engine."

The feasibility study for the Mig-Spey deal was ordered, the magazine said, by Rolls Royce chairman

Sir Kenneth Keith after Sadat told him of the difficulties Egypt has been having with the Soviet Union in getting spares and support for its Mig-21 fleet.

The report of the aborted Spey engine deal with Egypt follows details by the State Department last week that the U.S. was considering selling Egypt the General Electric J-79 jet engine used in Phantom and Kfir fighter planes. There had been reports that Egypt is interested in the J-79, which it is understood, could be fitted in the Mig-21.

"Aviation Week" also reports that only limited progress has been made so far on the establishment of an aircraft and helicopter assembly plant in Egypt. Production of the aircraft and helicopters in Egypt has been under discussion now for about two years. The proposals are in conjunction with the establishment of an Arab arms industry centered in Egypt.

The magazine added that the Soviet Union is arming its advanced fighter planes — the Mig-23 Flogger and the Mig-25 Foxbat — with a new family of long-range air-to-air missiles. The new missiles, have four to 20 nautical miles ranges the magazine said.

Egypt and Syria reportedly have several Mig-23 fighters. Syria recently permitted four Mig-25's with Soviet pilots to be stationed around Damascus. The report did not say whether the Mig-23's and Mig-25's in Egypt and Syria would be equipped with the new missiles.

Ben-Natan to U.S. for defence talks

THE POLITICAL adviser to the Minister of Defence, Asher Ben-Natan, left for Washington on Friday, on his first visit to the U.S. since taking up his post. He will spend a number of days there.

Mr. Ben-Natan is expected to meet with defence and State Department officials during his stay, and also to consult with members of congressional committees. (Nim)

\$6m. U.S. loan for Amman potash project

AMMAN. — The U.S. Agency for International Development yesterday granted Jordan a \$6m. loan for developing a potash mining project near Dead Sea.

The Jordanian government also will put up \$3m. and the World Bank will add \$1m. to finance the \$10m. project. Both loans are long-term, low-interest agreement. (AP)

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Syria said ready for all-in deal with Israel

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

THE POSSIBILITY of a "package deal" between a Syrian-Jordanian alignment and Israel was raised in Damascus over the weekend as a way out of the current Middle East deadlock. Diplomatic sources in the Syrian capital told newsmen that Damascus was now hammering out a number of proposals which could be discussed without necessarily reconvening the Geneva conference. It was indicated that future negotiations would continue to be channelled through the U.S.

The same sources said that Damascus was now endeavouring to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to agree to the joint Syrian-Jordanian moves.

The sources were speaking following a surprise visit made by Jordan's King Hussein to Damascus on Friday. (The king leaves early this week on a world tour, including Australia, Japan, Mexico and the U.S.) There have also been weekend talks in Damascus between Syrian leaders and Roberto Guyer, UN Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, who had been in Israel and Jordan exploring the possibility of putting the Middle East "negotiations" process in motion again.

There was no clue whatsoever out of Damascus on the Syrian concept of the "package deal," though sources there were quoted as saying that Syria and Jordan would offer a "non-belligerency pledge for a specific time" in return for an Israel pullback in the West Bank and from the bulk of the Golan Heights.

The sources noted that Israel would have to withdraw to the pre-1967 frontiers and recognize the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians, before the Arabs agree to end the state of war.

Jordan Premier Zaid Rifai last night denied that either his government nor Syria's was prepared for such a pact in return for partial withdrawal. Syrian government spokesmen issued a similar denial.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam himself yesterday said that peace in the region could not be achieved unless Israel withdraws to the 1967 lines and the rights of the Palestinians were restored.

Sadat rejects 'step-by-step'

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Anwar Sadat declared over the weekend that the Arabs were now embarking on a "global solution" to the Middle East conflict and he stressed, that Washington's step-by-step approach "is over."

Sadat was speaking in Kuwait. He leaves there today at the end of a tour of oil-producing Arab nations. Emerging richer by over \$800m. extended by these nations as outright grants to Egypt, Sadat signalled a comeback to the Arab fold, indicating that he might settle his feud with Syria over the Sinai interim accord.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are reported to have taken the lead in pressing Sadat to abandon his independent line in the Middle East conflict. The oil-producing countries declared the dispute to be a "collective Arab responsibility."

PLO wants a plan of action

BEIRUT. — The time has come for the terrorist movement to draw up a new programme of action which will safeguard its unity and independence, the official newspaper of the Palestine Liberation Organization said yesterday.

This is why, the newspaper said, "Al Fatah," which is the largest terrorist group, has begun a dialogue with other "Palestinian factions."

Political sources said the Fatah recently began talks with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which leads the so-called Rejects Front, groups which oppose any settlement with Israel. (UPI)

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Spain leaves Western Sahara; Morocco says war risk growing; Polisario proclaims republic

EL AYUN, Western Sahara. — Spain formally turned over the phosphate-rich Western Sahara territory yesterday to Morocco and Mauritania, but Algerian-backed Marxist guerrillas vowed to fight on for independence.

Raphael Delvaldes, the last Spanish governor of the territory, was due to leave later in the day, signalling the end of more than 80 years of Spanish rule.

United Nations officials, who had been insisting on a plebiscite for the territory's 99,000 people, boycotted the hand-over ceremonies.

About 400 kms east of El Ayun, in the Western Sahara town of Bir Lehiu, an estimated 10,000 Algerian-backed pro-independence Polisario Front guerrillas rejected Moroccan rule and proclaimed the territory the Arab Saharan Democratic Republic.

The guerrillas proclaimed their new republic "a non-aligned African Arab state respecting the UN charter and the Arab League and Organization of African Unity Charters."

The Malagasy republic yesterday became the first country to recognize the new republic. Algeria and Libya are expected to follow soon.

No choice but war

Moroccan government sources said yesterday that Algeria and the Polisario Front now have no recourse left but war over the Western Sahara issue after losing the diplomatic battle.

The sources said the Polisario Front, and supporting Algerian forces had retreated from Western Sahara back to Algeria. This left the Front and Algeria with no choice but war following the loss of the diplomatic struggle, they said.

The Moroccan sources said the Western Sahara problem had been "definitively" settled in accordance with UN principles. The determination of Morocco and Mauritania to retain possession of the territory was "unshakable," they added.

They said Morocco did not want war with Algeria, but the risk had grown.

The guerrillas have been fighting a desert war against Moroccan forces since the signing of the tripartite Madrid accord on November 14. In the accord, Spain ceded the territory to Morocco and Mauritania, but retained 25 per cent interest in the valuable Saharan phosphate mines.

In the past months, Moroccan and Algerian troops have fought two bloody desert clashes in the territory. It is the closest the Moroccan monarchy and the Algerian Socialist republic have come to open war since a brief but ferocious encounter in 1963.

Moroccan King Hassan II argues that the Moroccan take-over of the territory represents the reunification of his country with its southern province.

Tension in OAU

The Moroccan occupation of the territory and Algerian opposition to the take-over have caused tensions in both Arab League countries and in the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

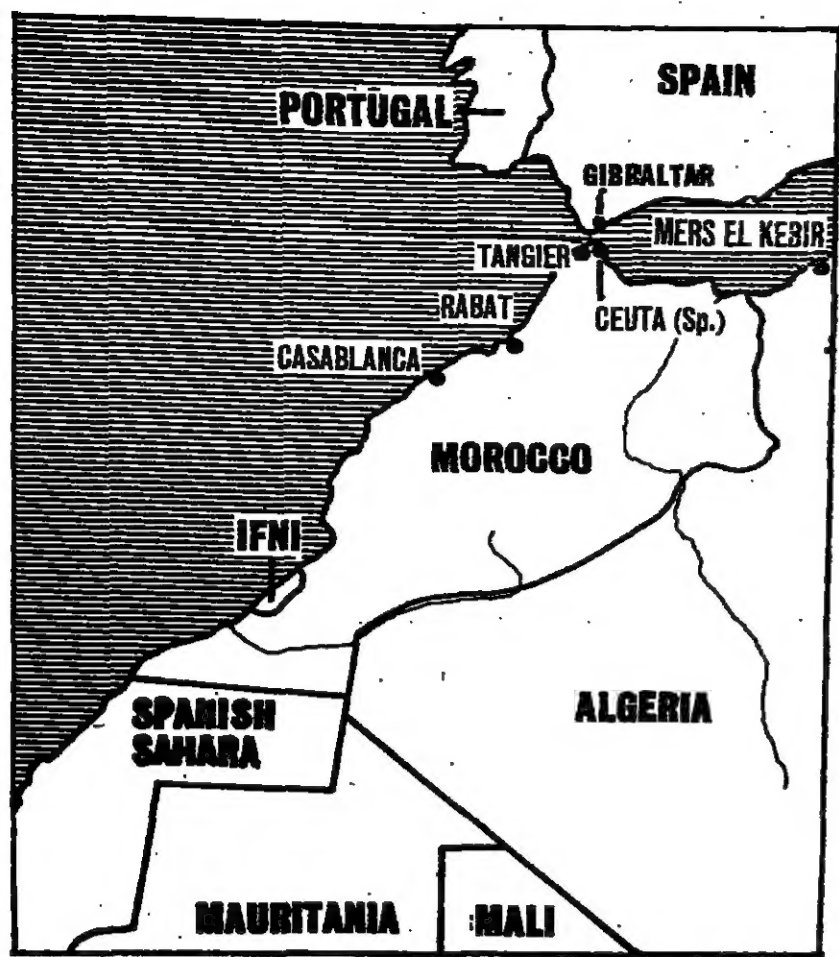
The current OAU meeting in Addis Ababa hotly debated the Sahara question on Friday. Algeria and other African nations called for the organization to recognize the Polisario front as the legitimate ruler of the Western Sahara.

Morocco and Mauritania threatened to withdraw from the OAU if the Polisario's "republic" were recognized by other African nations.

Roy Atherton, the U.S. under-secretary of State for the Middle East, arrived yesterday in Algiers to start a fact-finding tour of Western countries involved in the struggle over the Western Sahara.

Atherton, who was sent on the mission by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, is expected to stay in Algiers for three days before flying to Morocco and Mauritania.

(UPI, Reuters)



Soviet overtures towards Rhodesia's militant blacks

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania. —

The Soviet Union wants to broaden its role in the Rhodesian dispute by establishing links with the militant wing of the African National Council (ANC), sources in this black nationalist group say.

The ANC militants say their relations with Moscow currently are "extremely bad" because of Soviet support for rival ANC leader Joshua Nkomo in his talks with Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith — meeting the militants denounce as a "sell-out" of Rhodesia's black majority.

Led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Rev. Ndabazinge Sithole and James Chikereka, the ANC militants are waging a guerrilla war against Smith's regime from neighbouring Mozambique and Tanzania. They claim to have 16,000 guerrillas now training in Mozambique.

Long professed supporters of Nkomo's efforts for a peaceful settlement, the Soviets now appear to be changing tactics to encourage good relations with Muzorewa's militants, the sources assert.

They give this example: The Rev. Sithole was recently invited by the Russian Orthodox Church to attend a religious conference in East Germany, with air travel supplied by the Soviet government. When Sithole went to the Soviet embassy in Mozambique to pick up his ticket, he found he would be routed through Moscow both coming and going, possibly to be contacted by Russian mediators. The sources said.

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UK envoy back from Rhodesia after 'full' discussions

LONDON. — Lord Greenhill, Britain's special envoy to Rhodesia, flew home from Salisbury yesterday after what he called "full discussions" with Rhodesia's black and white leaders on a constitutional settlement for that country.

"We were very cordially received in Rhodesia and saw everyone who we wanted to see," Greenhill, formerly the top civil servant at the British Foreign Office, told reporters at Heathrow airport.

"We had very full discussions and a great deal was said on both sides which needs reflection. When we have drawn our conclusions from those reflections I will see the Secretary of State (Foreign Secretary James Callaghan) and report to him on the outcome of our meetings."

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Sithole decided against using the ticket to avoid the trip to Moscow. The guerrilla sources insist that Soviet-bloc nations have had nothing to do with the large black nationalist army training just over the Rhodesian border in Mozambique, and they say white Rhodesians' fears of an imminent Cuban-led invasion are more psychological than real.

The ANC militants even talk about the possibility of having to fight the Russians and Cubans if Smith and Nkomo manage to negotiate a settlement.

"Smith and Nkomo would join forces to fight against us. The Russians would back Nkomo and we will find ourselves fighting against Cubans in Russian tanks," one Muzorewa follower said.

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Zaire establishes ties with Angola

KINSHASA. — Zaire and Angola decided yesterday to establish diplomatic ties, the official Zaire news agency said.

The decision was taken in Brazzaville, across the river from Kinshasa, where Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko and Angolan President Agostinho Neto met to overcome the antagonisms between the two countries.

During the Angola war, Zaire backed the Pro-Western FNLA against Neto's Marxist MPLA.

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Iraq to divert oil from Syria

BEIRUT. — Iraq plans to switch its Kirkuk oil exports from Mediterranean ports to the Persian Gulf, according to the authoritative weekly Middle East Economic Survey (Mees). This would deprive Baghdad's regional rivals in Syria of oil transit revenues which Mees estimated totalled some \$100m. last year.

The switch has been made possible by the completion in December of Iraq's new "strategic pipeline" linking the Kirkuk fields, in the north of the country, with the southern port of Basra. Mees said Iraq has told its customers for Kirkuk crude who normally lifted it from Basra and T. Bani in Lebanon that, from April 7, they should arrange to fill their tankers at Basra.

The Mees report comes after first negotiations between Syria and Iraq to renew their 1973 oil transit agreement were adjourned until a date still to be fixed. Under the old agreement, Syria received Iraqi oil last year at \$3.055 a barrel, compared with a going international market price in the region of \$11. According to Mees Syria wanted to keep the low oil price and raise the transit dues, while Iraq sought the opposite.

Mees also said that Iraq has signed a \$24m. contract with the Czechoslovak firm Technoport to double the capacity of its refinery at Basra. The expansion includes a new distillation unit, new storage tanks and links between the new facilities and present equipment. The work will give the refinery a capacity of 140,000 barrels a day, it added. (Reuters, AP)

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Scandinavia turns on Castro

SWEDISH PREMIER Olaf Palme is reported to have told Cuban Premier Fidel Castro that he should put off for six months his planned imminent visit to Sweden. This is understood to be due to Swedish anger at Cuban military intervention in Angola.

Norway's socialist government has indicated it will cease making new offers of economic assistance to Cuba because of the Cuban involvement.

"It is no longer an underdeveloped country since it can afford armed interventions in other countries," Guttorm Hansen, the President of parliament, said on Friday. "But Norway must nevertheless stick to its international commitments."

(Norway is helping Cuba on a harbour-building project due for completion in 1978.)

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Social and Personal

The Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Yitzhak Rabin, met on Friday in his Jerusalem office with Bishop Raimon of Tolema, vice-president of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, and Father De Contenson, secretary of the Vatican Commission to Religious Relations with Judaism.

Jerusalem's English-speaking WIZO Group will hold a discussion on "Freedom of the Press" at the WIZO Club, 1 Mapu Street, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Members of the panel will be Doris Lankin, Cecil Hyman, and Rabbi Prof. Louis I. Rabinowitz. The audience will be asked to participate. There will be a refreshments charge of ILS.

Jerusalem theatre-goers will have another chance to see "Partly Cloudy" the Kiryat Yovel Community Theatre production, at the Jerusalem Theatre at 9 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

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Tuna imports hit Eilat fishermen

HAIFA. — The Fisherman's Union has asked the Ministers of Agriculture and Commerce and Industry to help fishermen who may be unable to sell their catches of little tuna because of the flooding of the market with imported fish. Union secretary Dov Schmiede told The Post that during the tuna (palmada) season, from March through May, about 30 Eilat fishermen engage in the trade, and bring in a catch of about some 200 tons. Last week the union approached the canning industry to sign the usual contract to ensure the men a market for the catch. However representatives of the industry declined to negotiate. They said they would be unable to process the fish because the "unlimited imports" of canned fish had knocked the bottom out of the market.

Mr. Schmiede said the industry was importing 1,000 tons of tuna from abroad for processing, and it could regulate the market by reducing these imports.

Israel Rotary scores choice of ex-Nazi

The Israel branch of Rotary International has protested against the nomination of an Austrian alleged to be a former Nazi for Rotary President.

Lucien Harris, Governor of Israel Rotary, sent a telegram to international headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, saying it was felt that Wolfgang Wick's past Nazi affiliations disqualified him for the presidency.

Harris claimed that Wick had joined the Austrian Nazi Party in 1933 and had served in the Austrian Army in World War II.

SHERMAN HOUSE. A 150-bed dormitory, has been dedicated at Bar-Ilan University in memory of the founders of the Harry and Abe Sherman Foundation of Cardiff, Wales.

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Prof. S.H. Blondheim and family

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Dr. FRITZ ISRAEL MAYER

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The funeral will leave this afternoon, Sunday, February 29, 1976, at 3 o'clock from the Municipal Funeral Parlor, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. A bus will be provided.

The Shiva will be held at 6 Amsterdam Street, flat 3, Tel Aviv.

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Daughter-in-law, Rachel
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One year after the sad passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather

Rabbi ABRAHAM MAYER HELLER

Reinterment will take place at the Mt. of Olives Cemetery, following a service to be held at the Sanhedria Funeral Parlor on Tuesday, March 2, 1976 at 4.30 p.m. Subject to arrival on time of El Al flight 1003 at 1 p.m. For confirmation of time of service, call Tel. 02-222231, after 10 a.m.

THE FAMILY

Bruno quitting in six weeks, feels he can't influence policy

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BRUNO's resignation as Economic Adviser to the Treasury will take place six weeks from now, on April 15, according to the Treasury spokesman. It is hoped that by then the budget for 1976/77 will have passed through all its stages of legislation in the Knesset.

Dr. Bruno will return to his post in the Hebrew University, after having served with the Treasury since last September. His departure is motivated by a feeling that he cannot influence economic policy because of political and other pressures that surround policy-makers, circles close to Bruno say.

Commentators have "noted" that Finance Minister Rabinowitz is not enforcing the tough uncompromising measures that Israel's critical situation demands. Instead, he shows signs of going with the tide — not because he does not want better policies, but because he is a lone

voice in the Cabinet. It is reported that Transport Minister Gad Yacobi wanted the tax reform law modified, to let air crews receive the same net wage as before, without imposing on El Al the cost of paying out bigger gross salaries.

Professor Bruno protested strongly. He was backed by an angry statement from members of the Ben-Shahar Tax Reform Committee, of which he was a member. The matter was brought for discussion to a meeting with the Prime Minister, where it was decided to keep the tax law unchanged.

There are many examples of more successful blocking tactics by individual Ministers, each concerned with his own sector; also by other special interest groups (like the Histadrut), handicapping efforts by the Finance Minister to enforce a serious programme of taxation retrenchment.

What is more, deficit financing will pour ILS 8,000m. of extra money into circulation this year again,

damning efforts to bring major structural changes into Israel's unbalanced economy. Targets of economic performance in the National Budget for 1976 have consequently been scaled down. The trade deficit should have narrowed by \$400m. or \$500m. this year. But this will in effect be reduced by only \$225m. because the necessary economies are not being made in the public sector. Observers believe that Israel will "scrape through" the present year and part of the next, but may run into major economic difficulties in the latter part of 1977. The foreign currency reserves will start draining away — unless emergency measures are undertaken immediately to cut budgetary outlays, abolish subsidies, increase taxes, freeze wages and let falling business companies close their doors.

Professor Bruno's inability to persuade the authorities to apply the necessary corrective measures made him feel that he can get nothing done, and that his position as adviser is therefore superfluous.

U.S. agreed to most of arms shopping list

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Rabin returned to Israel from the U.S. with an American agreement to supply 70 per cent of Israel's military shopping list, Amos Eran, Director-General of the Prime Minister's office said here on Friday.

American grants and loans will cover the cost of the equipment, he added. Washington also agreed to supply Israel with F-15 jets, which are "the most advanced in the coming generation of planes," Eran reported. Each plane will cost some \$20m., which is about the cost of giving a free education to all 9th graders in Israel.

Eran, who accompanied the Prime Minister on his trip to the U.S.

told the Beit Brenner Club here he feared the \$2b. aid promised to Israel will be spread over a 15 month period rather than 12. This means Israel may receive \$400m. less than it expected.

Eran explained that the U.S. fiscal year, which hitherto began on July 1, will now begin October 1. Congress and the Administration were willing to increase aid to cover that period, but each wanted the other to propose it.

Americans are suffering from an economic recession and 8 per cent of the work force is unemployed. Aiding foreign countries rather than spending money to solve domestic problems is unpopular, and both Congress and the Administration want to avoid possible repercussions Mr. Eran said.

Sarid fails to end Peki'in deadlock

KIRYAT SEMONA. — Alignment Knesset member Yossi Sarid confessed failure on Friday in his attempt to mediate in the current dispute between the Peki'in local council and the village's only Jewish family, the Zinats, who are custodians of the ancient synagogue. He said he would be raising the matter in the Knesset, this week, and would recommend that a "limited and balanced" parliamentary committee be set up to end the deadlock.

The dispute arose over the local council's intention to build a road through the Jewish cemetery, which is looked after by the Zinats.

The Druse leaders of Peki'in had asked Sarid to arbitrate in the dispute, but after a visit on the spot and talks with both sides, he concluded that it could not be resolved by negotiation.

Sarid said on Friday he would also ask the Director General of the Prime Minister's office Amos Eran who is in charge of Druse affairs, to visit Peki'in. Eran cancelled a visit recently when he learnt that the Druse proposed to greet him with a demonstration.

Sarid said that extremist elements, both Jewish and Arab, were fanning the dispute and that attempts to describe the Druse there as bent on violating a Jewish sacred site were "ugly and wicked".

Makuya back; to dance in Capital tomorrow

By KINUE WEINSTEIN

One hundred sixty-eight members of Japan's Makuya (New Zionist) Movement arrived in Jerusalem yesterday evening on the Christian sect's twelfth pilgrimage to demonstrate support for and identification with the people and State of Israel. Among the highlights of the visit will be a concert of Japanese and Hebrew songs at the Jerusalem Theatre on Wednesday and a dance through downtown Jerusalem tomorrow morning.

Makuya, which means tabernacle in English, was founded by the late Professor Ikuro Teashima, right after World War II. Its activities focus on study of both the Jewish and Christian scriptures, as well as of the Hebrew and Greek languages, at regular Sunday meetings. Zion plays a significant role in the Makuya world view. Its members have been making yearly, 100-strong pilgrimages here for the past decade, and another twenty to thirty members are usually to be found living in Israel for periods of up to a year.

Interviewed yesterday at the Jerusalem Hilton, Mr. Akira Jindo, one of the Makuya leaders, noted the warm welcome Israeli friends had accorded the Makuya on their arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport. He said the concert for which tickets are ILS10, will feature two leading Japanese electric organists — Makuya members Hidemi Saito, a

chief researcher at Yamaha's electric organ department, and Masao Hino, a musician and teacher. The Makuya members are scheduled to stay until March 10. This morning they will pray at the Western Wall, and tomorrow they will meet President Ezer Weizman, they will split into groups and travel throughout the country, from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Hermon.

Tomorrow morning the Makuya members will demonstrate their attachment to Zion by dancing and shaking hands with people in downtown Jerusalem. A similar demonstration in November 1974 made a deep impression on those who witnessed it.

In the past, Makuya has given concrete help to Israel in the form of ambulances for Magen David Adom and a forest of 10,000 trees planted in Upper Galilee. They are also very active in defending the Zionist cause in Japan against misinterpretation and pro-Arab policies. They protested against last fall's UN anti-Zionist resolution with a letter to UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim and a petition signed by 57,000 Makuya members around the world.

They sent similar letters to Japanese minister Takeo Hiki and foreign minister Kiichi Miya — against Japan's pro-Arab policy — and also to major Japanese newspapers to protest their slanted reporting on Israel.

Horowitz says subsidy cuts can be harmful

TEL AVIV. — David Horowitz, former governor of the Bank of Israel, said over the weekend that the new budget was a step in the right direction, compared with former budgets. The question was whether it could be implemented in view of political and public opposition.

Speaking on Army Radio's weekly news magazine on Friday night, Horowitz said the budget did have one clause which was socially harmful: the one governing subsidies. "I am in favour of any effort to maintain the real income of the poor strata of the population, but I believe this clause of the budget works in the opposite direction, he said. "In fact, it will widen the social gap, increasing benefits for the established classes."

Horowitz said he considered some 20 per cent of the population as lower-class, and that the living standard of the remaining 80 per cent would have to be reduced rapidly. (Him)

Rabin's 'battle buddy' told him to give Peres lesser job

Jerusalem Post Staff

Ya'acov Halfon, Labour Party activist and former Rafi member from Beersheba, confirmed in a radio interview yesterday that he had advised Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to remove Defence Minister Shimon Peres from his post and appoint him as Minister of Communications instead. Halfon, who is a close confidant of the Prime Minister on internal affairs, said he had proposed the switch not on defence grounds, but as "political retaliation" in response to what he termed Peres' attempts to undermine Rabin by trying to set up an alternative Government.

Rabin, as usual, had not responded immediately to his suggestion, Halfon said. But, apparently the Prime Minister had rejected the idea.

Halfon maintained that a number of very important people in the Labour Party had literally begged Rabin last year not to make Peres

Defence Minister, but Rabin would not listen.

Halfon said he had hoped that Peres would be loyal to the Prime Minister and would forget that over 45 per cent of the party's central committee had voted for him. Peres should realize that this vote had no practical meaning, Halfon asserted, because the Labour Party would never have let Peres form a Government. Should Peres try to challenge Rabin now he would lose the Defence Ministry, Halfon claimed.

He described his close ties with the Prime Minister, which began during the last elections. He was volunteer adviser at that time, he said, and he continues to work as a volunteer.

Halfon also rejected claims that Leah Rabin influenced her husband in political decision-making.

He noted that Israelis were not used to having Prime Ministers with a spouse, who meet socially

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Two killed in road crash

Two persons died and one was injured in accidents over the weekend.

Two youths, Shimon Shitrit, 16, of Kiryat Gat, and Avad Wada, 20, of Anate village in the Hebron area died when the small trucks they were riding in collided head-on on the Beit Govrin Road in Ashkelon on Friday morning. Two other youths were seriously injured, but the driver of each car emerged without a scratch.

In Holon on Friday, a cyclist was hurt in a hit-and-run incident at the corner of Rehov Habana and Rehov Hamasbia. The man has not yet been identified. He is about 35, bald and stout. He was found by a passer-by, taken to Donolo and then to Beilinson Hospital. (Him)

Two found dead

TEL AVIV. — Two persons were found dead in their homes in separate incidents over the weekend.

On Friday afternoon, a neighbour found the body of Herbert Weinberg, 50, his home in Rehov Frachkov, Tel Aviv. Weinberg was 57 years old and had been ill recently. His body was taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu-Kebir.

On Saturday morning the body of Ushman Zilberman, 75, was found at his home in Rehov Matzliach, Be'er Brak, when he lived alone. (Him)

Teaching people to obey laws

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Justice, Haim Zadok, said a campaign was being planned by his ministry and the Government Information office to impress on the public the importance of obeying the law. Mr. Zadok was answering questions at a meeting of the Tel Aviv Bar Association on Friday.

The chairman of the Israel Bar Association, Yitzhak Tunik, in moving the vote of thanks, expressed the misgiving of colleagues about the bill that would admit as evidence statements given to police investigators. Mr. Tunik said that he also opposed the ministry's initiative to legislate that an accused man's refusal to testify could be used against him.

Two released in Yamani case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two men alleged to have been linked with deals carried out by the murdered Lillienblum Street money-changer, Mordechai Yamani, were arrested late Thursday evening on suspicion of murder and released after questioning and "lie-detector" tests. One is an engineer employed by a firm in Ashdod; the other is the owner of a Tel Aviv antique store.

Both denied any connection with the murder. The bodies of Mordechai and Esther Yamani were found 20 kilometres apart, at the beginning of January. Mrs. Yamani was found near Palmachim Beach, and her husband's body was found near Moshav Zefira.

The murder police have since been attempting to trace Yamani's deals in order to locate individuals who might have had a motive for killing him.

Netivei Neft man indicted

TEL AVIV. — A senior official in the state oil company, Neftei Neft, was charged on Friday in the magistrates' court here with fraud and breach of trust.

Aryeh Shani, 54, of Kfar Shmaryahu, who was manager of the company's import department, was accused of showing unfair preference for a German supplier over local agents in his purchase of equipment.

According to the indictment, he also failed to inform the directors of Neftei Neft that alternative suppliers were asking lower prices for the same equipment. (Him)

New kibbutz for Arava

EILAT. — The cornerstone was laid last week for Samar, a new Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz, on a site 35 kms north of Eilat. The members of the new kibbutz are young sabras from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, and a group of immigrants from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Britain. The name is Hebrew for rush, or junco.

Until the first 30 housing units are ready the residents of the new settlement in the Arava will continue living at nearby Kibbutz Yotveta.

Bellow disputes B-G view on Gola Jews

WASHINGTON. — Novelist Saul Bellow has taken issue with the late David Ben-Gurion's view that a Jew cannot be "whole" without living in Israel.

Describing himself as an American loyal to his American experience and culture, Bellow told an academic conference of the American Friends of the Hebrew University meeting in Miami that he could not reject his Americanism. "My culture, my language, is American. I can't reject 60 years of life in America," he said.

Bellow said that he could not agree with Ben-Gurion, who argued that Jews living outside Israel have

a split personality and could be "100 per cent members of the human race" only by living in Israel.

The Knight newspaper chain published details of Bellow's address, which was said to have been rather emotional.

"I felt it needed to be said," Bellow is quoted as having told Prof. Shlomo Avineri, the outgoing dean of the Hebrew University's School of Social Sciences and recently appointed Director General of the Foreign Ministry.

Bellow also confessed during his speech that he is not "fully awake" to the needs of Israel and his Jewish heritage.

Israelis top Yugoslavs in chess

By ELIAHU SEHAHAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

BEERSHEBA. — Israeli international masters Shimon Kagan and Yair Krastner distinguished themselves in the ninth round of the international chess tournament played here on Friday by betting international grandmasters Drajan Marovic and Maza Damjanovic, respectively, both of Yugoslavia.

Israel champion, international grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, assumed the lead, following a second straight victory, this time over Italy's Stefano Tatai. England's William Hartstone joined the lead, beating Israel's veteran international master Moshe Czerniak. At the age of 66, Czerniak experiences fatigue of the mind after several hours of play and has lost several games in which he attained a superior position (the game against Hartstone is a case in point).

Leon Lederman adjourned his game against Shlomo Gitterman in a slightly better position, but the outcome is most likely to be a draw. Upon completion of the adjourned games from the previous round, Hartstone beat Kreidman, Kagan drew with Damjanovic, and Krast-

ner beat Czerniak.

The results of the tenth round, played last night: Liberzon beat Radshkovitch, Tatai beat Czerniak, Damjanovic drew with Hartstone, as did Lederman with Kagan and Bleiman with Gitterman. The Krastner — Marabic game was adjourned at the time of this report.

The standings before the final round: Liberzon 7 points; Bleiman 6; Marovic, Kreidman, Lederman, all 5½ (1); Hartstone 5½; Radshkovitch and Kagan 5; Damjanovic and Tatai 4; Gitterman 3½ (1); and Czerniak 1½.

In the final round, which will be played today, Liberzon will play Gitterman and Krastner will play Lederman. The closing ceremony and distribution of prizes will be held tonight.

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Zadok: End of war must in fact be peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An "end of the state of war" as international law knows it is a condition of peace, Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the Bar Association here on Friday.

Answering questions at a lunch, Mr. Zadok continued: "There are various degrees of peace, ranging from the close cooperation between, say, Belgium and Holland, to open enmity as between the U.S. and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. But all are of a nature that precludes the use of arms."

"What we have had with our Arab neighbours so far," he noted, "was temporary suspensions of hostilities, whether these were called cease-fires, armistice agreements, or separations of forces."

The idea of trying the present "new approach" (seeking an end-of-state-of-war) was broached by the Americans, Zadok said. "I can't see why we should not allow the Americans to explore this avenue. Little as I believe it can produce. But before they embark on this road, we must make sure that the Americans understand the term exactly the way we do."

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, who asked a similar question at the journalists' forum at Beit Sokolov here on Friday, said the idea of

negotiating "an end to the state of war" was first discussed in the Cabinet in March of last year. The then Attorney General — Meir Shamgar, now a High Court Justice — had made it clear the previous October that there was a basic difference between "end of war" and the undertaking Egypt had given in the separation-of-forces agreement "to refrain from warlike acts."

Thus, Mr. Ya'acobi said, if Israel agrees to anything less than "end of the state of war" she is liable to find herself in an intolerable situation once part of the territories she now holds slip from her control.

Moreover, Ya'acobi added, "it is a basic principle of the Government that the River Jordan must remain the strategic frontier of Israel."

Little enthusiasm for the end-of-war idea was shown over the weekend by Knesset Member Abba Eban. Speaking on Army Radio, he noted that in return for agreeing to make such a declaration, the Arabs were demanding both Israeli withdrawal from all the land held since 1967 and the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state. There was danger that in return for a real peace they would demand all that remained of Israel.



Tel Aviv zoo last week celebrated what officials said was a rare event — the birth of a baby elephant in captivity. Now zoo workers are busy finding a name for the cute little pachyderm, whose mother hails from India. (Uzi Keren)

Tourism is on the increase

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tourist arrivals in the first six weeks of the year show a significant increase over the corresponding period in 1975, according to the Tourism Ministry spokesman.

Statistics up to mid-February count 52,600 arrivals, a 35 per cent increase over a similar span in the previous year.

Charter flights from Scandinavia show the largest increase in terms of percentages — the 2,187 arrivals constituting a 97 per cent spurt compared to the previous year.

An even higher increase is expected with the compilation of Scandinavian statistics for the first two months of this year. Those released yesterday do not reflect the start of charter flights to Eilat by Tamas directly from Helsinki and the introduction by the Finnish airline last week of wide-bodied DC-10 flights, carrying about 300 passengers, on its weekly run to B-G airport.

In addition, next month, Scanair, the SAS charter consortium, is beginning a weekly back-to-back operation from Göteborg and Malmö. It is making the Malmö touchdown mainly to pick up Danish tourists ferrying across the sound to link up with the flight.

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New chief of IDF Engineers



Aluf-Mishne Golan

Aluf-Mishne Arish Golan was on Friday appointed Chief Engineering Officer of the IDF and promoted to the rank of Tat-Aluf (Brigadier-General). He replaces Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Ben-Dov, who is retiring from the IDF.

Golan, 44, was born in Haifa and is a graduate of the Technion in construction engineering. He has been in the Engineering Corps since graduating and saw action during the battles with the Syrians over the diversion of the Jordan sources and in the Six Day War in 1967.

Allon opens the Bonds campaign

MIAMI. — An economically strong Israel is vital to the attainment of peace in the Middle East, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon declared here last night as he opened the 1976 Israel Bonds campaign.

Calling on North American Jews to increase their economic aid, he said: "We shall be in a much stronger position at the negotiating table if our economy, as well as our defence, is sound and impregnable."

Calling the attention of the 1000 Jewish leaders present to the spectacular proliferation of Arab wealth in recent years, Allon stressed that it represents a threat to the economic stability of Israel.

Noting that Israel faces the danger of a marked rise in unemployment for the first time in many years, Allon said this would be a serious threat to the country's capacity to provide jobs for new immigrants.

Israel Bonds general chairman Sam Rotenberg, who presided at the inaugural dinner, declared that the recent Brussels World Conference on Soviet Jewry must be supplemented with concrete action through the Israel Bonds campaign to create jobs in Israel for those Jews who would be permitted to leave Soviet Russia for Israel in the coming year. (JTA)

Secretary Simon due tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter
United States Secretary of Treasury William Simon will arrive in Israel tomorrow for a three-day official visit. He will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev and Defence Minister Shimon Peres as well as with other high Government officials.

During his visit Mr. Simon will preside over a meeting of the joint Israel-U.S. Economic Cooperation Committee and will sign an agreement establishing a \$60m. fund for research and development.

Rabinowitz and Bar-Lev are expected to raise the subject of American aid to Israel. Three main areas are mentioned in this connection: The U.S. Administration has not requested Congress to grant Israel \$550m. in aid for the period of July through September. The need for such aid results from the change in the American budget year, which in 1976 will begin in October instead of June.

Also the Administration has not yet approved Israel's request to receive \$150m. of the aid bill in cash, according to the aid regulations, the grant should be used for purchases of goods in the U.S.

In addition Israel will request that the U.S. increase its purchases of Israeli goods, especially for American forces in Europe.

UPI reported from Beirut last night that Secretary Simon arrived in Riyadh yesterday for talks with Saudi officials on economic cooperation and the Middle East conflict. The Saudi News Agency quoted Simon as saying he would hold talks with King Khaled on the same of a permanent peace in the Middle East and prospects for having "American technology play an effective role in Saudi development projects."

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Dayan for Golan changes to end state of war

PARIS. — Mr. Moshe Dayan said here in a French television interview on Friday that Israel should hand back the entire Gulf of Suez to Egypt — but not the Gulf of Akaba — in exchange for a non-belligerence agreement.

The former Defence Minister, who was visiting Paris on an Israel Bonds tour, said: "If Syria agrees to sign an agreement putting an end to the state of war, we ought to be ready to compromise by handing back a substantial part of the Golan, but not the entire area."

"To end the process of escalation, we ought to sign a similar agreement with Egypt. I think the Egyptians are ready to do this."

"I consider we should get out of the Gulf of Suez completely but not the Gulf of Akaba. So long as we control the straits of Suez, in range of our guns, the germs of war will remain."

Mr. Dayan stressed that the proposal for a solution on these lines

had originated in the U.S. and had not come from Premier Rabin. He said the Arabs were not ready for diplomatic ties, and an end to the state of belligerence was the most that Israel could expect. He added: "Even Sadat, the most moderate of the Arab leaders, says normal relations will take generations to achieve."

"An end to the state of war must include Syria and the Soviet Union because the Syrian situation cannot be separated from that of Egypt."

Mr. Dayan said that for Israel "the future must include the option and the possibility of having nuclear arms without any outside control. I believe that we have the capability of making the bomb now." Israel must have the atomic bomb before the Arabs, "but not to use it first, naturally."

"We are a little country and the U.S. no longer the world's policeman. We have to be able to defend ourselves."

Olmert is worried by Israel's 'crime exports'

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — "Israel is engaged in a type of export that should be a cause for profound concern — sophisticated criminals in the fields of narcotics, prostitution and burglary. Their activities are by no means confined to Frankfurt, but are based in several cities in Western Europe," Shmuel Olmert, M.K. (I-kud), told the Engineers Forum in Haifa on Friday. He was speaking on Crime and Israel Society.

He dismissed charges that he was playing the sleuth, a task for the police and not a Knesset member. His purpose was to focus attention on reaction to social problems.

"Only a short time ago a senior police officer said that protection rackets did not exist and that they were a figment of the imagination. And the same armed with statistics to disprove the charge. It was not the Knesset as such that uncovered the facts, but a few members who investigated the issue."

It was the duty of a Knesset member to investigate problems. Olmert stressed that there was no substitute for a good police force. "We give it the means and the manpower to do its work well. He believed that 'our courts are lenient to a dangerous degree and are imposing unreasonably light sentences, for which mitigating considerations are produced all the

time. Another handicap is the threat of violence against witnesses, and a way must be found to overcome this through legislation on the rules of evidence."

It was true that crime involving drugs, extortion, betting and burglary were not organized on a national pattern, "but we may yet come to that."

In Tel Aviv crime was divided into various branches — among them "debt collection", betting and extortion. The criminals were well organized and sophisticated, and their own hierarchy. "If it isn't stopped now, it may grow out of hand."

Olmert said that Israel society was permeated by a type of conduct which, though not directly criminal, was accompanied by violations of the law, especially in labour relations. Agreements and obligations were flouted, damage was caused to public property. El Al strikers ignored court orders and immobilized aircraft, causing millions of pounds of damage. Police property was damaged at Ashdod, and Egged used force. "The Ashdod and El Al workers have not paid one agora and not spent one day in jail. The airline pilots are standing on their pay rates, themselves the product of a distorted tax system. We are witnessing the surrender of the authorities."

West Bank protest on travel tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Travel agents on the West Bank and Gaza decided yesterday to suspend operations in protest against the imposition of the travel tax on the inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the agents in Ramallah yesterday. Airline agents from East Jerusalem were present.

The Arab travel agents are planning to meet with local mayors conferring with the Judea and Samaria Command to seek the withdrawal of the travel tax. The tax on travellers from the administered territories was imposed only this month.

One travel agent told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that as the inhabitants of the administered territories were not Israelis they should be treated as transit passengers when travelling through Israel ports and thus exempted from travel tax.

Egged bus burned near Hebron

HEBRON. — An armed terrorist set fire to an Egged bus near the village of Samos (Baktemoa), in the Hebron area, on Friday.

The bus was approaching the outskirts of Samos to pick up workers setting out for Israel when the driver noticed a man in the road signalling him to stop. The man boarded the bus, took an automatic rifle from a bag he was carrying, and ordered the driver and his three passengers to alight. He then set fire to the vehicle and escaped.

Neither driver nor passengers were harmed, but the bus suffered severe damage. Security forces began searching in the area. An explosive device was found in the road next to the bus.

U.S. seeks extradition of man from Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The federal authorities in Indiana have said that they will try to persuade Israel to extradite Dov Cohen, a former city official in Gary, Indiana, now in self-imposed exile in Israel. Cohen has been indicted on charges of income tax evasion and extortion.

A special grand jury in Hammond, Indiana, last week charged Cohen, 56, with extorting \$47,230 in pay-offs from building contractors doing business with the city of Gary in 1971 and 1972. Cohen was assistant city engineer at the time, and is reported to have had enormous power over contractors.

Details of the investigation and indictment have been published in the "Chicago Tribune." The paper says that in the autumn of 1972, Cohen suddenly resigned his city post and moved to Florida, where he bought two large apartment buildings. He "fled to Israel last spring after learning he was to be subpoenaed by the special grand jury investigating local corruption in north-west Indiana."

The report said that Cohen had since ignored subpoenas, contempt of court citations and warrants for his arrest.

The U.S. Attorney for Northern Indiana, John R. Wilks, said last week that information on the indictment will be presented shortly to

Israel officials in Washington in an effort to obtain the extradition of Cohen.

In addition to accusing Cohen with extorting \$47,230 in pay-offs, the grand jury also charged him with an income tax offence.

The report did not say where Cohen lives in Israel.

An Israel police spokesman said that he knew nothing of the case.

Moshav shitufi for Americans

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A new moshav shitufi (collective settlement) called Elazar has been established by professionals who immigrated from the U.S. and Canada.

The settlement, located in Gush Etzion, was set up with the help of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. It was meant to enable the immigrants to make use of their expertise and education for advanced industry in a rural setting.

Uzi Narkiss, director-general of the Agency's allya department, said in a tour of the settlement last week that a chemical laboratory to produce materials from agricultural waste will be set up there. A factory for making educational toys is also being discussed.

Squid exports to Cyprus resume

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Local fishermen last week resumed their export of squids (ink fish) to Cyprus with a consignment worth \$7,500.

The Fishermen's Union secretary, Dov Schmiede, told *The Post* that the Cypriots used to be good customers for the squids — which have no market in Israel because they are not kosher — but exports were interrupted by the outbreak of the communal clashes in Cyprus.

Rabin and Zarmi to meet again on Labour post

By SHAYYA SHAPIRO
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — Meir Zarmi's resignation as secretary-general of the Labour Party still held yesterday, in spite of a meeting he had on Friday with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The only indication that the resignation, announced 10 days ago, may not be final is that the two agreed

to meet again.

It is understood that the stumbling block now is Zarmi's request to establish a regular decision-making forum of leaders whose rulings on major policy would be binding on all Party executives. There are differences of opinion on what this forum should be and how it could operate.

The Party's financial problem, which also worries Zarmi, is no longer acute. *The Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Meanwhile, Alignment leaders on the Histadrut Central Committee have asked that the Alignment's special Decision-Taking Committee which arbitrates deadlocked questions, be convened to tip the balance between the views of the Histadrut and the Government on the implications of the national budget bill. The Histadrut insists that measures be taken to forestall unemployment and to minimize cuts in subsidies on essential foodstuffs. It is believed that the little-used Committee, set up last year under Abbaaron Becker, will convene on Wednesday.

However, the impending visit of the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William Simon may interfere with the schedule as Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will probably be busy with him most of this week.

Safflower oil cheaper

The price of safflower cooking oil (hariva) will be reduced by 75 ag. per bottle, from IL8.90 to IL8.15, from tomorrow. The drop in price was requested by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry following a decline in the price of raw materials.

Consumers are requested to make sure the prices on all bottles of oil are printed on the label. The price of the cheapest oil, soy bean, is IL2.60 for a glass bottle of 580 grams.

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Western Reds assert 'Beirut truce team getting more power' their independence of Moscow line

MOSCOW. — The French Communist Party yesterday joined the growing list of Western Communists to assert their independence of Moscow.

Addressing 5,000 delegates at the closing session of the first week of the 25th Soviet Party Congress, the leader of the French delegation, Gaston Pissonnier, said his country would build socialism "in the colours of France" in cooperation with other political groups and with full respect for the individual.

The French thus joined hands with the Italians, who bluntly stated their right to make their own policies, and to a lesser extent the Rumanians, who expressed their independence in milder tones earlier this week.

The French and Italians countered sharp criticism by Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev and other top Communists at the Congress of the appearance of nationalistic influences in certain Communist parties.

The attacks obviously were aimed at the Italian and French parties, which have made clear that they are not ruled from Moscow and that their ideological interpretation of Marxism-Leninism does not always coincide with the Soviet line. British Communists also have expressed some criticism of Moscow.

Western analysts said the growth of independent attitudes in non-Soviet parties must be worrying the Kremlin.

Pissonnier also obliquely repeated French Communist criticism of the Soviet attitude on human rights and implicitly took issue with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev on the Soviet Union's ties with the French government.

The French Politburo member stood in for the Paris party chief, Georges Marchais, who did not come to the Congress. Pissonnier was one of the last speakers before the Congress broke for the weekend. The delegates are scheduled to resume their discussions in the cavernous Kremlin Palace of Congresses at 7.00 GMT tomorrow.

Pissonnier said a profound crisis, a crisis of the capitalist system, was affecting France.

Pissonnier's speech came less than 24 hours after Enrico Berlinguer, head of the Italian Communist Party, the largest in the West, bluntly came out for the autonomy of parties. He said differences of opinion "should be discussed in a climate of amity" — taking into account the inalienable right of each party to equality and respect for autonomy.

Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania sounded the same theme in more veiled tones. (UPI, AP)

BEIRUT. — A Syrian-led armistice commission sought more powers yesterday to re-establish law and order in Lebanon following 10 months of civil war.

A spokesman said the eight-man commission of Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian Army (PLA) officers believes the move was made to guard against any new outbreak in the Moslem-Christian conflict.

The request was made to Christian President Suleiman Frangieh and Moslem Premier Rashid Karami. The spokesman said the nation's two leaders were consulting over the request.

The Beirut newspaper "An Nahar," whose publisher Ghassan Tuul is a member of Karami's cabinet, said Frangieh and Karami have already agreed in principle to give the commission the powers it sought.

The spokesman said the commission's note sought:

To place Lebanon's 18,000-man army, its 6,000-strong internal security forces and an estimated 5,000 men of Yasser Arafat's PLA at its disposal.

To bring ceasefire violators, kidnappers and looters to instant trial and immediate sentencing.

To abolish the current system of policing the 37-day-old Syrian-sponsored armistice by joint forces of Moslem and Christian private armies in Beirut. The commission wants a free hand in moulding Lebanon's internal security forces into an effective strike force.

These security measures also are expected to reactivate Syrian media-

lion efforts to form a national union government for a final settlement of Lebanon's sectarian conflict.

The mediation team, headed by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, suspended the cabinet-forming efforts on Thursday and went to Damascus for the weekend.

Christian militia leaders all have insisted that total security must be re-established throughout the country before a national coalition cabinet is formed.

The projected cabinet will have the task of carrying out political reforms designed to meet Moslem demands for an equal share of power and negotiate terms of a Syrian-guaranteed coexistence pact between Lebanon and the Palestinians. (AP)

IRA bombs in Paris, London

PARIS. — A bomb exploded in the Paris branch of the British chain store Marks and Spencer early yesterday, causing extensive damage but no injuries in what was apparently an act of solidarity with the IRA.

Late on Friday night a car bomb exploded on a side street in London's fashionable Chelsea district. Police said there were no immediate reports of any casualties.

In Paris a group describing itself as "International Revolutionary Solidarity" claimed responsibility for the Marks and Spen-

cer attack, which was described as "a reply to the assassination of Frank Stagg by the British government." Stagg was an Irish Republican Army member who died in prison in Britain on February 12 from the effects of a hunger strike.

The London bomb exploded in Harcourt Terrace, a quiet Chelsea street about a mile from the centre of the English capital. First reports said damage was extensive. There have been six bombings this year in a campaign which police have blamed on the Catholic-supported IRA terrorist group. (AP)

Top Thai leftist shot in pre-poll violence

BANGKOK. — The murder of one of Thailand's top socialist leaders increased tensions between rightists and leftists yesterday, Thailand goes to the polls on April 4.

The secretary-general of the socialist party, Boonsong Bunyothayarn, 39, was shot to death late on Friday while driving home. He was the fifth to die in pre-election violence. Although police had no suspects, several top government leaders said they believed the shooting was politically motivated.

"This augurs a dim future for democracy in the country," said Sam Farnon, leader of the opposition democratic party.

Three weeks of political violence has prompted rumours of a military coup to restore order. But Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj told reporters the April 4 elections would be held as scheduled.

The violence has taken the lives of two canvassers, a student leader and one youth who was killed by his own bomb hurled into a political party's headquarters in Bangkok last week. Fourteen persons were killed during the 1975 election campaign.

"Our basically peaceful Buddhist society is now full of political violence, and our 80,000-man police force can't effectively control the situation," said Lieutenant-General Sirisak Mahintharat, the national police chief. "We simply have too many political parties and candidates."

More than 2,300 candidates from 56 parties are campaigning for the 279 seats in the house of representatives. (AP)

Ford warns Cubans of aggression

MIAMI. — In a campaign speech before Florida Republican presidential primary election, to be held on March 9, President Ford yesterday warned the Castro regime in Cuba against armed intervention in the Western hemisphere.

Speaking to a mass naturalization rally involving 1,178 new American citizens, many of them of Cuban origin, the President accused Cuba of acting like an "international outlaw" in sending an expeditionary force of 12,000 soldiers to Angola.

"My administration will have nothing to do with the Cuba of Fidel Castro," the President said. "It is a regime of aggression. And I solemnly warn Fidel Castro against any temptation to armed intervention in the Western hemisphere. Let his regime or any like-minded government be assured that the U.S. would take appropriate measures." (Reuters)

Filipinos buying off Moslem secessionists

MANILA. — The Philippine government has given nearly \$133m. to individual defectors in an effort to end a Moslem separatist rebellion, President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday.

Marcos told international businessmen who interviewed him on television that the scheme had reduced the insurgent forces to "small bands... only capable of terrorism like lobbing grenades."

The government claims the payments are loans. Through the news media and emissaries, it offers to lend rebels \$450 to \$650 in pesos if they defect. The amount is usually based on the kind of weapon surrendered. Some defectors have received timber concessions and, during a shortage in 1975, the right to trade sugar. Banking officials in Cotabato say a number of high-ranking defectors have received political jobs.

In fact, the payments are more like grants aimed at buying off

the rebellion, which began 40 months ago in the Moslem south. Most defectors don't have a clear idea of what they plan to use the money for, and little repayment is expected.

The government claims 17,180 rebels have defected since the start of fighting — October 1, 1972. Major General Fidel V. Ramos, the constabulary chief, says about 9,000 rebels are still fighting in the south, although none of the 50,000 government troops sent there three years ago have been withdrawn.

The Moro National Liberation Front, the chief Moslem political organization, is suspicious of the government figures and claims many of those considered defectors are fakes.

Marcos told the businessmen the government was using defectors to police Moslem areas. Two million Moslems live in the southern Philippines, but they are outnumbered by Christians. (AP)

Divorce rights for Egypt's women

CAIRO. — A draft law to protect women whose husbands may have four wives under Islamic law has been approved by Egypt's highest Moslem authority, "Al-Ahram" newspaper reported yesterday.

The draft follows a four-year squabble over the accepted right of Egyptian men to have more than one wife and to divorce at will.

The proposal has been sent to the justice ministry for approval after being endorsed by Sheikh Abdel Halim Mahmoud, rector of Al-Azhar, the oldest Moslem university in the world.

It marks an unprecedented victory for Egypt's sole woman cabinet minister, Mrs. Aisha Raseh. She has been under relentless criticism for the past four years from Moslem conservatives opposed to her bill.

At present, an Egyptian can divorce his wife under Moslem law by saying three times: "I divorce you."

The proposed law will give women the right of divorce if the husband marries a second wife without her consent or prior knowledge. (Reuters)

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Sudan jails 12 for coup bid

KHARTOUM. — Twenty people have been jailed for terms ranging from six months to 12 years in two trials for involvement in Sudan's abortive coup last September, the Sudan News Agency reported yesterday.

Among those sentenced was retired Colonel Anas Omer Ali, who received a 12-year jail term. In the first trial, before a state security tribunal, 11 civilians were jailed for terms ranging from six months to seven years. Three others were acquitted.

In the second trial, before a high military council, nine people received jail terms of from two to 12 years. Fifteen others were acquitted. At least 16 people have been executed for their part in the abortive coup against President Ja'afar Numeiri. (Reuters)

American nabbed in Venezuela

CARACAS. — Seven armed, masked men burst into the home of William Niehaus, the American manager of the Owens Illinois Glass Company operating in Venezuela, and kidnapped him on Friday night, police said yesterday.

Police said the seven men, some wearing masks and others with nylon stockings over their heads, broke into the Niehaus home in a plush residential area of eastern Caracas, and took him at gunpoint before Niehaus started family.

They tied up the man and the four members of the family, police said, then warned Niehaus he would be killed if he resisted. They then injected him with a substance presumed to be a soporific. (UPI)

Benito's brain back—in basilica

BOLOGNA. — Stolen swords, hats and brain fragments of Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini were returned yesterday by an unidentified man during confession in a 14th-century basilica.

The Mussolini memorabilia were stolen early on Friday by thieves who raided the chapel tomb of the dictator in Predappio, about 20 kms. southeast of this north Italian city.

Police said they recovered all the items after a telephone call from the Father Superior of the Basilica of San Domenico in the centre of Bologna. The Father Superior, not identified, told police that a man walked into the basilica at 7 a.m., deposited the stolen items during confession and then vanished.

No group has claimed responsibility for the theft, the second assault on Mussolini's tomb in this decade, but police theorized the raiders were either far-right extremists or souvenir hunters. An explosive device had blown the chapel's gate and damaged the ceiling on Christmas night 1971. (AP)

UK police held on bribe rap

LONDON. — Four former top Scotland Yard detectives were among nine policemen arrested yesterday after a two-year probe into allegations of bribery.

Among them was Ken Drury, 53, former commander of Scotland Yard's "Flying Squad." Others were ex-commander Wally Virgo, 57, former chief of the murder squad, former detective superintendent William Moody, and ex-chief inspector George Fenwick.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of 12 men, some of them officers and others former senior detectives. Three of them were away from home when detectives called and reported to Cannon Row police station later.

The arrests follow allegations that Scotland Yard men accepted bribes from pornographers in London's Soho and West End districts. The allegations came at the trial of James Humphreys, known as the London "Porn King." (AP)

General strike ends in Iceland

REYKJAVIK. — Labour and management yesterday announced a settlement of a general strike which paralysed Iceland's economic life for nearly two weeks. Workers are to get an average phased 25 per cent wage increase.

Workers in essential industries were already returning to work yesterday morning in anticipation of the signing in the afternoon of a general agreement, and the mass of strikers are expected to go back to work tomorrow, 13 days after the start of the walkout.

The strike involved some 45,000 workers, in a country with a total population 215,000 people. It affected all the island's industries, with only state employees working normally. (Reuters)

Texan bitten by thawed rattler

ARANSAS PASS, Texas. — A frozen five-km. rattlesnake came back to life and sank his fangs into a taxidermist, hospital spokesman here said last week.

Robert Herndon, who buys the poisonous reptiles, freezes them to death and markets the preserved remains, was released Friday from the Lyman Roberts Hospital here.

"The snakes usually freeze overnight," Herndon said. "But I usually tape their mouths anyway." He missed the tape this time.

Herndon said he bought 25 rattlers last Tuesday and put them overnight in a freezer. The next day he went to work on the reptiles, including the fast-thawing, six-footer that bit him. "I stretched the snake out on the table and started cutting from the tail," the taxidermist said. "When I got to the midsection, I stopped to drink a cup of coffee. I came back and started cutting on it again, but he reached around and bit me on the arm," Herndon said. (AP)

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Nominations should be submitted to area offices of the Information Centre not later than Monday, March 14, 1976, at the following addresses:

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- NABATYA**
Monday, March 1, 8.30 p.m. — Meeting, Meir Ben-Dor, "Our Political Party System, Moslem, Rehov Aliya."
- TEL AVIV REGION**
TEL AVIV, GREATER
Sunday, February 29, 8.30 p.m. — Yaakov Kirschen, "Dry Bones Speak." Beit Hodek, Ramat Aviv.
- SENIORES**
Tuesday, March 2, 8.30 p.m. — Rabbi Mendel Lewittes, "200 Years — Judaism in America." Beit Tabory, 7 Rehov Shulamit.
- REHOVOT**
Tuesday, March 2, 10 a.m. — Weissmann Club at home of Rabbi David Finkels, 11/4 Derech Yavne.

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Dr. E. SCHÜTTE
Member, Board of Management, Munich Reinsurance Co., Munich
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Negev eleven spurts into 3-point lead for National League pennant

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Beersheba Hapoel yesterday scored a decisive 2-0 win over Jerusalem Betar before an overflow crowd at the YMCA stadium in the capital to move into a commanding three-points lead at the top of the National League.

The second Jerusalem side, Hapoel, also lost by 0-2 against Petah Tikva Hapoel, dropping the Jerusalemites to 5th place in the table and out of championship aspirations. Haifa Hapoel also dropped a point in the 1-1 home draw against Ramat Gan Hakoah, and though still in third place, they are six points behind the leaders and three behind Jerusalem Betar.

Netanya Maccabi with a 1-0 home win over Tel Aviv Hapoel made a forward move from 7th to 4th place. At the other end of the table, the six teams at the foot of the table last week all either won or drew to win valuable points. Ramat Amudim Maccabi scored three goals in a match for the first time this season in beating Petah Tikva Hapoel, 3-1. Hadera Hapoel returned to winning form with a 1-0 home victory over Tel Aviv Betar, and Haifa Maccabi won by the same score from Jaffa Maccabi in Tishon LeZion.

Acro Hapoel chalked up its fourth consecutive 1-0 win, this time over Hadera Maccabi, to maintain a three-point lead in League "A" North. Leaders of the Southern League "A" Holon Hapoel scored their winning goal in the last minute of play against Beit Shimon. In this division the shock result was the 5-0 thrashing of Bat Yam

minds that they can still save themselves from relegation, and produced their best game of the season against Petah Tikva Hapoel.

The Ramat Amudim goals were all scored by defenders who went to the aid of their forwards: Yigal Amram in the 44th minute, Eli Cohen in the 47th, and Meir Barad in the 58th minute. Petah Tikva Hapoel led until just on half-time through a goal by Shlomo Haviv in the 30th minute.

It was a rough game at Kiryat Haim, where Haifa Hapoel and Hakoah parted at 1-1. Hakoah took the lead after 17 minutes when Danny Cohen netted, but that lead was

short-lived as Yitzhak Inchi equalized two minutes later. Referee Aharon Shoshany sent off Shani Cohen of Hakoah in the last minute for arguing with him. Earlier Mr. Shoshany gave three yellow warning cards to Cohen, Shuruk of Hakoah and Engelder of Haifa Hapoel.

A goal by Hanania Fahima in the 58th minute gave Haifa Maccabi their two points against Jaffa Maccabi. Fahima only joined the Haifa team this season, transferred from Kiryat Shmona Hapoel. Shlomo Arzi scored Hadera Hapoel's winner against Tel Aviv Betar in the 26th minute, bringing to an end Hadera's losing run of three consecutive matches.



Jerusalem Betar's custodian Yossi Mizrahi in one of several spectacular saves — this one from Rafi Eliahu — that kept Beersheba Hapoel's victory down to 2-0 in the capital yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Poor pitch precludes fancy football, but B'sheba Hapoel's win deserved

It was neither the "match of the season" as it had been billed long before the kick-off, nor a travesty of Israel's swampy pitch. The Y.M.C.A. ground staff did a great job in salvaging something from the ravages of the week's rains — but not enough to enable the players to show their style.

There was no lack of thrills, though, and the champions return to Beersheba worthy winners. The pattern of the first half was set in the opening seconds. Hardly a minute into the action Betar's young keeper Mizrahi dropped an easy high cross from the right. Although Numa's shot was blocked, Avitan was not far over the bar with a clever lob off the rebound.

Mamlilan, Jerusalem's 18-year-old wizard, came swiftly into the action at the other end with one of his 'banana' swerve kicks, but the

header was well wide. There followed much hurried defence and rushed volleys away from the danger zone in both penalty areas. Then Mamlilan again schemed a move down the left, feeding Neuman and on to Levi. But he too shot several feet wide.

This deft player made a couple of other bright moves but it was not the day for a nimble-footed player and Mamlilan seemed to settle for long shots rather than intricate build-ups. One 30-metre rocket was the last we saw of him or the rest of Betar's famed midfield combination for some time, and it was Beersheba's Rafi Eliyahu — here there and everywhere, who controlled the centre field.

Both teams, the most sophisticated in the league, sought to come to terms with the rough and ready surface, but it was the visitors who

showed themselves more adaptable. The condition of the pitch was hardly a goalkeeper's dream and it came as no surprise except to the fervent Betar fans when, after 25 minutes, Meir Barad (with Eliyahu the outstanding man on the field) picked up a ball 18 metres out. Barely hesitating, he drove a bouncing shot to Mizrahi's right. Misjudging the ball, Mizrahi dived too soon and the ball lunged in over his despairing grasp.

30 seconds later Neuman put a corner straight into the back netting and for a moment the crowd mistook the referee's Ashkenazi traditionally flamboyant gesture, thought it was 1-1.

In the 25th minute, the Betar custodian blocked a shot from Rafi Eliahu at close range. Beersheba continued to dominate the game, particularly on the left flank where Barad and Numa were consistently dangerous. Their defence remained solid, and made effective use of the long ball back to goalie Moshkovitz.

The start of the second period saw less good football, if anything, no abatement in tension as neither side slackened its determination and effort.

Jerusalem captain Janno took a deserved warning for brutally up-ending Numa. But Ashkenazi kept splendid control of a match, which could have exploded were it handled by a referee with less sense of decorum. In the 60th minute Betar missed a chance to level when Avrahami crossed from the left corner flag, but Mizrahi's close-quarter header was straight into the hands of crouching Moshkovitz. Betar were now in extensive residence in the Beersheba half, but the visitors' defence never looked anything but solid with the towering Alon Bender coolly tidying up on the ground and in the air.

Avrahami made the most effective breaks for Betar, one of his solo efforts ended dismally when Neuman belonned the pass over the crossbar.

With quarter of an hour to go, Jerusalem forced their first corner of the half, and Mamlilan nearly squeezed one in directly on the near post. Moshkovitz punched clear from low down. Then the rallies of the 1,000 Beersheba supporters who had made the long trek from the Negev were heard loud as he made another grand save from a competent Mamlilan cross. Beersheba were now hanging on determinedly but never in desperation.

In one ruckus Betar's left back Rosenblum came close to scoring the equalizer. A few minutes from the end Rosenblum had the bad luck to see his desperate clearance against the ever-trying Zvi Ovadia (who had come on as substitute) strike the Beersheba player's foot and career past the out-of-position Mizrahi for Beersheba's second goal.

Betar supporters, whose close interaction with their club is something unique on the Israeli soccer scene, might well be wondering if they had not done their team an injustice by demanding, forcibly, that the match remain in Jerusalem rather than transfer to a better pitch, where all Betar's skills could have been exploited. That however, is not to detract from the champions' splendid victory.

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STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE (after 21 games)

	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Beersheba Hapoel	11	7	3	27:20	25
2. Jerusalem Betar	7	10	4	24:22	22
3. Haifa Hapoel	9	5	7	26:22	23
4. Netanya Maccabi	8	6	7	26:22	22
5. Jerusalem Hapoel	8	4	9	26:22	22
6. Shimon	8	10	3	26:22	22
7. Tel Aviv Maccabi	8	6	7	22:22	22
8. Tel Aviv Hapoel	8	6	7	22:22	22
9. Petah Tikva Hapoel	7	7	7	19:21	21
10. Kfar Saba Hapoel	9	6	6	22:22	21
11. Jaffa Maccabi	4	13	5	15:20	20
12. Tel Aviv Betar	9	5	7	24:20	20
13. Petah Tikva Hapoel	6	9	7	15:20	19
14. Haifa Maccabi	6	9	7	16:21	19
15. Bat Yam	6	7	8	22:26	19
16. Hadera Hapoel	8	7	6	21:22	19
17. Hakoah	5	9	7	17:24	19
18. Ramat Amudim Maccabi	3	9	9	13:18	15

"LEAGUE 'A' SOUTH (after 18 games)

1. Holon Hapoel	11	4	3	29:13	26
2. Yabuta Hapoel	9	7	2	24:13	25
3. Shaarayim Maccabi	10	4	4	21:17	24
4. Ashdod Hapoel	8	8	2	21:17	24
5. New Zion	8	7	3	18:12	20

"LEAGUE 'A' NORTH (after 18 games)

1. Acro Hapoel	10	6	2	32:11	26
2. Netanya Betar	10	6	2	27:18	26
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	10	6	2	26:9	24
4. Hadera Maccabi	10	6	2	26:12	24
5. Netanya Hapoel	7	7	4	26:12	20

Hapoel meted out to Shaarayim Maccabi. Kiryat Ata Hapoel scored their first win of the season, beating Nahariya Hapoel by 1-0 at Kfar Ata.

An estimated 10,000 fans in Jerusalem saw a fine, keenly fought and sporting game. The game was won by the Beersheba Hapoel defence, which played brilliantly and rarely allowed the home forwards within effective shooting range. The Negev team had the edge also in midfield thanks to great performances by Meir Barad and Rafi Eliyahu. Jerusalem Betar goalkeeper Yossi Mizrahi was best for his side, making several spectacular saves (report of match — Col. 4).

Before a crowd of 8,000 at the Bloomfield Stadium, Tel Aviv Maccabi were strengthened by the return of Vicky Peretz to lead their attack. He was the most dangerous forward on the field with Yoram Oz acting as Maccabi's general in midfield and goalkeeper Gidon Elran playing a splendid match.

Be'er Yabuta gave Maccabi the lead in the 33rd minute, after a fine solo effort and neat pass by Peretz. Seven minutes later Peretz scored the second goal after a quick breakaway from Shimon pressure at the other end. Tahbi sent a long ball upfield, Peretz beat defender Gloria Fues to the ball, to shoot past Digni.

Mordechai Spiegler got the Netanya Maccabi winner from the penalty spot in the 60th minute, after Nimrod Dreyfuss headed. Netanya fully deserved their win, dominating the game throughout, but they came up against a determined Tel Aviv Hapoel defence.

Ramat Amudim Maccabi players have apparently made up their

HU wallops Haifa fifteen by 56-4

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The Hebrew University rugby team yesterday handed Haifa another thrashing, 56-4, setting the stage for the league season's grand finale, when the Jerusalem fifteen hosts unbeaten Holon in two weeks' time.

Holon, at the top of the league, humbled an untied midweek of H.U. players, 53-0, in the first game of the season. Since then the rapidly improving undergraduates won all its league fixtures by easy margins, including a whopping 68-0 in a first-round match against luckless Haifa.

Yesterday, although missing four top players, H.U. looked menacing from the start of its home fixture. Haifa, led by stouthearted skipper Dave Lewis, held on pluckily in the first half, however, and even managed to put over a try by (by Murray Learner) to make the score at half time 18-4.

In the second half H.U. ran roughshod over their opponents, scoring 40 points with no reply from Haifa.

The H.U. fifteen finished the match in great style. Some loose play on the University's tryline developed into a magnificent breakaway run by Jerusalem centre Gady Feldman, at the end of which he passed to winger Yacov Harpaz, the latter going over for his third try of the match.

Other scorers were Steve Dworkin two tries, Captain Barry Judelman, one try and Tommy Haendler, two tries and eight conversions.

Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania, right, crosses the finish line to win the three-mile men's run at the National AAU Indoor Track and Field Championships at Madison Square Garden Friday night, with Paul Stemmer of Philadelphia coming in second. (AP)

NEW YORK. — Slim Jan Merrill, who appears anything but durable, showed remarkable endurance on Friday night by winning both the women's one-mile and two-mile races in meet record times, while Tanzania's Filbert Bayi bettered the men's mile mark at the national AAU indoor track and field championships.

Miss Merrill, a tall, long-legged teenager, ran the two-mile first and left her opposition ridiculously far back, winning in 9:59.6 and shattering the mark of 10:22.0 set by Brenda Webb last year.

After a rest of only about 40 minutes, she came back and won the mile in 4:38.5, bettering the A.A.U. record of 4:40.0 established by Russia's Ludmila Bragina in 1973. But this time Miss Merrill was much more hard-pressed. Instead of leading all the way, as

she had in the two-mile run, the 19-year-old Miss Merrill had to rally in the closing strides to edge Julie Brown of the Los Angeles track club, also timed in 4:38.5.

Miss Merrill's double was one of the most remarkable feats in women's track history and overshadowed the seemingly effortless victory by Bayi in the men's mile.

The rail-thin Tanzanian took the lead just past the halfway mark of the first lap in the 11-lap race and held it the rest of the way.

Bayi, the world 1,500-metre record-holder, was clocked in 3:56.1, smashing the meet record of 3:59.0 by Jim Beatty in 1963.

In a tight race, in which the 1-2 finishers had the same time, another Tanzanian runner, Suleiman Nyambui, nipped Greg Fredericks of Philadelphia in the three-mile run in 13:15.0. (AP)

RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Netanya Maccabi 1, Tel Aviv Hapoel 0; Hadera Hapoel 1, Tel Aviv Betar 0; Petah Tikva Maccabi 2, Jerusalem Hapoel 0; Haifa Hapoel 1, Hakoah 1; Kfar Saba Hapoel 0, Be'er Yabuta 0; Jaffa Maccabi 0, Haifa Maccabi 1; Ramat Amudim Maccabi 3, Petah Tikva Hapoel 1; Jerusalem Betar 0, Beersheba Hapoel 2; Tel Aviv Maccabi 2, Shimon 0.

LEAGUE 'A' SOUTH
New Zion 1, Jaffa Hapoel 0; Holon Hapoel 1, Beit Shimon Hapoel 0; Ashdod Hapoel 2, Ramat Gan Hapoel 1; Marmorek Hapoel 1, Dimona Hapoel 1; Lod Hapoel 2, Be'er Yacov Hapoel 1; Yabuta Hapoel 2, Ashdod Hapoel 1; Bat Yam Hapoel 5, Shaarayim Maccabi 0; Ramat Hapoel 0, Bishon LeZion Hapoel 4.

LEAGUE 'A' NORTH
Acro Hapoel 1, Hadera Maccabi 0; Safad Hapoel 0, Netanya Hapoel 0; Tiberias Hapoel 0, Nazareth Hapoel 0; Herzliya Maccabi 1, Tel Hana Hapoel 0; Ramat Gan Hapoel 2, Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 0; Netanya Betar 2, Herzliya Hapoel 1; Hadera Hapoel 1, Nahariya Hapoel 1; Kiryat Ata Hapoel 1, Nahariya Hapoel 0.

Manchester City cops League Cup; triple tie in First Division race

LONDON. — Three teams — Liverpool, Manchester United and Queen's Park Rangers — were level on points yesterday in a desperate race for the English soccer championship.

Manchester United stormed back into a joint lead by slamming Westham 4-0, with all four goals in the second half.

Liverpool held Derby, the reigning champions, 1-1 in a thriller at Derby.

Queen's Park Rangers could only manage a 0-0 draw with bottom-of-the-league Sheffield United.

The top three teams were all on 43 points. Liverpool and Manchester United have ten games to play, Rangers have only nine.

Derby, with ten matches to go, are one point behind. At Wembley Stadium yesterday, Manchester City settled a 21-year-old score when they beat Newcastle United 2-1 in the English League Soccer Cup final before a capacity 100,000 crowd.

In the same arena 21 years ago, Newcastle edged Manchester in the F.A. Cup final. Ironically it was Peter Barnes, whose father Ken was in the losing city team, who set Manchester on the winning path. The England under-23 international burst through a crowded Newcastle defence in the 10th minute to smash the ball home from a Mike Doyle header.

Newcastle fought back, however, and levelled the 35th minute through leading scorer Alan Gowling.

Then, with the second half only one minute old, Asa Hartford headed down a cross at the far post for Dennis Stuart to take off and score with a spectacular scissors kick.

In the League matches not one of the bottom four clubs managed to win. Wolverhampton crashed 3-0 at Everton where George Telfer (2) and Bryan Hamilton got the goals in a four-minute first-half spell. Birmingham was held 1-1 by Norwich, with former England world cupper Martin Peters cancelling out a Trevor Francis penalty which had given Birmingham the lead.

Burnley put up the best performance, giving Aston Villa two goals start before coming back to earn a point with two goals from Brian Flynn.

Arsenal gained its second away

victory since the first week of the season, 2-1 against Middlesbrough.

Full results in the First Division: Birmingham 1, Norwich 1; Burnley 2, Aston Villa 2; Coventry 0, Leeds 1; Derby 1, Liverpool 1; Everton 3, Wolverhampton 0; Manchester Utd. 4, West Ham 0; Middlesbrough 0, Arsenal 1; Sheffield Utd. 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Tottenham 1, Leicester 1.

First division standings (read headings — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	16	13	3	49	25	43
Queens P.R.	32	15	11	6	47	25	43
Manchester U.	32	17	9	6	51	28	43
Derby County	32	11	11	10	32	41	33
Middlesbrough	32	12	10	10	35	39	34
Sheff. Utd.	30	12	9	9	47	28	33
Everton	31	11	11	9	48	33	33
West Ham U.	32	13	7	12	40	49	33
Tottenham	30	10	12	8	37	32	32
Leicester City	32	8	16	8	34	42	31
Coventry City	32	10	10	12	34	41	30
Newcastle U.	32	11	7	14	33	45	29
Stoke City	32	11	7	14	36	39	29
Aston Villa	32	11	7	14	36	39	29
Norwich City	30	10	8	12	44	46	28
Birmingham C.	31	9	6	16	42	58	28
Burnley	32	7	8	17	34	53	23
Wolverhampton	32	7	8	17	34	53	23
Sheff. Utd.	32	3	9	20	22	63	13

(AP, UPI)

January leads Players golf

LAUDERHILL, Florida. — Don January ambled to a four-under-par 68 on Friday and assumed a one-stroke lead over Jack Nicklaus in the second round of the Players Golf Championship.

A violent thunderstorm forced cancellation of yesterday's third round, which was rescheduled for today. The final round will be played tomorrow at the Inverrary course.

January, a 46-year-old former PGA title-holder who is on the comeback from a brief retirement, assembled a 36-hole total of 135, nine under par for two trips over the 7,123-yard Inverrary Country Club course.

Nicklaus, who had to arise at 5 a.m. to complete his darkness-halted first round, shot a 70 and was tied for second at 136 with J.C. Snead.

British Open champion Tom Watson, who managed a seven despite a wet and watery double-bogey seven, and Jim Masserio were at 137. Masserio shot a 68 in the

cool, cloudy, still-threatening weather. The group at 133, just three strokes back with two rounds to go in the tournament, billed as the championship of the touring players, included Hale Irwin, winner of last week's Los Angeles Open. But a number of the game's great names, required to play in this designated tournament, had their difficulties. Arnold Palmer shot a 73 and was one over par for 36 holes at 145. Sam Snead, the 63-year-old hero of the rocking-chair set, slipped to a 75 and failed to qualify for the final two rounds with a 146 total. Tom Weiskopf and Gene Littler, each 74 — 147, also missed. (AP)

Stableford golf tourney ends

CAESAREA. — The four-ball team of Mike Ossip of Herzliya Pituah, Toshio Ishikawa of Untso, Jerusalem, Jan Snyman of the South African embassy and Bob Sachs of Haifa yesterday won the Alliance Stableford golf tournament with 88 points.

Four points behind in second place were Pete di Donato and Dan Gruer of Herzliya Pituah, Robert Bell of Ephal and Ben Gudes of Netanya. Ernie Eben of Herzliya Bet won the individual Stableford tournament. (Reuters)

West Germans whitewash Malta eleven, 8-0

DORTMUND, West Germany. — West Germany beat Malta, 8-0 (half-time 4-0), in a group eight match in the European Soccer Championship here yesterday to qualify for the tournament's quarter-finals.

Scorers were Worm (2), Heynckes (2), Bear (2), Vogts and Hoelzer. A total of 53,738 saw the match. (Reuters)

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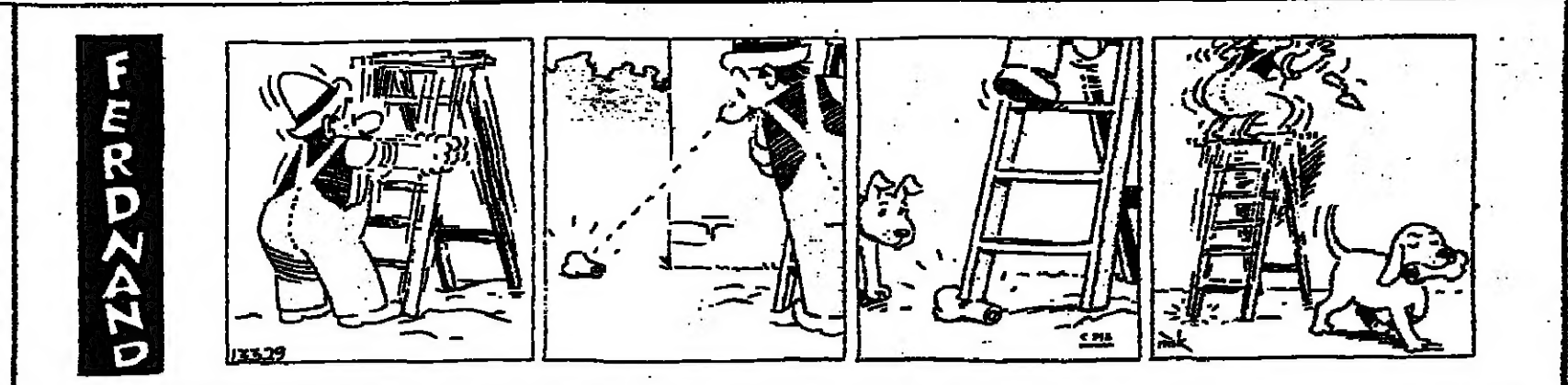
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV. — Israelis can't stand someone else's success and that is why there are so few successful people in Israel, according to Shlomo Eliahu, owner and managing director of the Eliahu Insurance Company Ltd.

Eliahu, 40, is an outstanding example of how an immigrant can make it in Israel without government finance, protection or any other type of backing.

His story sounds like a legend. He arrived in 1950 from Baghdad at the age of 14, with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. They first lived in a tent town at Beit Lid and their first "flat" was an abandoned small building in an orange grove at Kiryat Shalom.

Shlomo Eliahu, then 15, and his 16-year-old brother, went out to work. He did not last long as an apprentice in a metal shop (he injured his foot in a work accident and was fired). He then decided to try a "softer" job and started out as a messenger boy for the Migdal Insurance Company.

By the age of 18 he knew enough about insurance to try out as a roving door-to-door insurance salesman. Most of his business was insuring motorcycles, "there were more motorcycles than cars then," he remembers.

The High Court of Justice discharged an order nisi calling upon the Minister of Transport to show cause why one of the provisions of the Road Transport Rules should not be declared null and void for unreasonableness.

In 1965, the petitioners applied for and received a licence to operate a taxi in partnership in Baka el-Gharbiya. At the time the licensing authorities were of the opinion that one taxi was sufficient for the village — which necessitated the partnership between the petitioners.

After the transport authorities had changed their policy with respect to restricting the number of taxis in any particular area, the petitioners, whose partnership was no longer an amicable one, sought to get licences for individual taxis for each of them. But here they came up against a difficulty: rule 527 of the Road Traffic Rules provides, *inter alia*, that a taxi licence will not be granted to any persons already holding joint licences issued directly by the Ministry of Transport, and that joint licence-holders will have to wait 10 years, after disposing of their joint licence, before they could hope to obtain new licences entitling each of them to operate a taxi.

The petitioners eventually petitioned the High Court of Justice for an order declaring this provision to be null and void for unreasonableness, arguing that it was discriminatory in that it singled out partners to a taxi licence who had received their licence from the Ministry, whereas partners to a taxi licence who had bought their licence on the open market could apply for, and receive, separate licences for each of them.

They were granted an order nisi and on the return day Mr. R. Shalom appeared for the petitioners and Dr. M. Cheshin for the respondent.

Judgment
Justice Shamgar, who delivered the judgment of the High Court, the President and Justice Shtrassberg concurring, pronounced his consideration of the petition with the observation that any statutory authority, and particularly one which wields powers likely to affect the rights of the individual, must exercise its functions reasonably, or else be deemed to have overstepped its powers. As to a rule or regulation which is fundamentally unreasonable, it would be held, he continued, to be *ultra vires*, as it could be presumed that the principal legislator had not intended vesting the subsidiary legislator with the right to make unreasonable rules (see also C.A. 311/57, 2 P.D. 12/1039; and C.A. 780/70, 2 P.D. 25/495).

Turning next to the question of what would be considered to be an unreasonable rule or regulation, Justice Shamgar pointed out that

ELIAHU'S SUCCESS STORY IN INSURANCE

By YITZHAK OKED / Jerusalem Post Reporter

By 1958, he had enough clients to open a one-room office on Rehov Herzl.

In 1961 his success forced him to move to larger premises in Rehov Allenby (the location of his present, much larger offices). By then he was the underwriter for four local insurance companies, and was making about IL2m. a year in premium income.

In 1965 he decided to open his own insurance company. People in the business thought he had gone crazy. He was at the peak of his career, earning "safe" money from commissions. "Why go out and knock your head against a stone wall with a new venture?" his friends questioned him.

To the chagrin of insurance people, Eliahu Insurance Ltd. started on its meteoric rise. The company's

gross premium income at the end of 1966 was IL3m. By the end of last year, on its tenth anniversary, the gross premium income had reached IL110m.

Can a new oleh in 1976 be as successful as he was? Shlomo Eliahu assumes a bashful, youthful smile. "Yes, an oleh that really wants to succeed can make it here in Israel. But his first lesson should be that it is a tough country and is not the same as their place of origin, be it New York, Baghdad or Moscow. The rest is plain hard work, persistence, doing the right thing at the right time and — in a service business like ours — doing something for the client, so he will come back and bring his family and friends."

Does he feel that he had a tougher time reaching the top because of the oriental origin? "I was never touchy on this subject, and didn't feel handicapped because of it. The truth is that only when I began to be successful did I start seeing the problem of discrimination. In insurance, 90 per cent are of European origin. It seems they felt it difficult to swallow two things about my success: my youth and my Sephardic origin."

Being Sephardic is not a handicap, and I do not feel any problems in my work because of it. I just have to work harder. Sometimes it was those of European origin who helped me out and many of the workers in my company are of European origin," he said.

What about the future? Shlomo Eliahu was not willing to reveal his future plans, but they might be indicated by the fact that he holds positions such as vice-chairman of the Scholarship Fund for Iraqi Jews in Israel, treasurer of the Association of Friends of Tel Aviv University, and treasurer of the Zalman Shazar Centre for the History of Judaism.

His hobby is his work; his reading material, business balance sheets. With only eight years of formal education, he would like to find time to continue his studies, but as things look this will not be too soon.

whether it was reasonable to discriminate between joint licence-holders and other persons.

In answer to the first part of the question, he noted, the respondent had argued that there was no discrimination between the two categories of partners as each category was entitled to receive one joint licence from the Ministry without having to pay for it, it being irrelevant that one category received their licences from the beginning from the Ministry while the other received theirs after first purchasing joint licences in the open market.

This answer, he held, proved sufficient cause for the High Court to conclude that although they might have preferred an arrangement which did not completely block all chances of partners, who had received their joint licence from the Ministry, ever getting separate licences from the Ministry, this did not justify finding this provision of rule 527 so unreasonable as to warrant its invalidation.

Turning next to the second part of the question, Justice Shamgar pointed out that the purpose of rule 527 is, in the main, to ensure the right to obtain licences of those who had worked as hired taxi-drivers for a period of 10 years (although in practice there was nothing to prevent anyone who received a licence under this rule from selling his licence at a high price in the open market immediately after receiving it, so that he would then not be able to get another licence for at least 10 years).

The respondent had justified this purpose on the grounds that his first concern was to solve the problems of hired taxi workers and that he regarded himself as under no obligation towards persons who already had some share in a taxi licence — which was not unreasonable. It was inevitable, continued Justice Shamgar, that any policy of restrictions should entail a certain amount of arbitrariness in drawing the line, or else there would be no end to the matter. Furthermore the respondent's licensing policy is not static and is given to change from time to time as the circumstances demand. So that in the course of time the petitioners might eventually be able to change their joint licence for two separate ones.

In conclusion, Justice Shamgar held that although he was unhappy with the whole system of giving taxi licences, he nevertheless did not find anything so unreasonable in it as to justify declaring it null and void, or, in the light of the principles he had set out above.

Order nisi discharged with IL1,000 costs.

Judgment given on January 27, 1976.

Justice Shamgar then went on to examine the case under consideration in the light of the above principles. The policy with respect to giving taxi licences, he noted, had undergone several changes; at first licences had been issued on the basis of the local need for taxis, and then, since 1971, on the basis of personal qualifications, the main tendency being to enable hired taxi drivers to acquire their own independent licences. Parallel to the official procedure for issuing licences, however, he continued, is the "free market" in licences — a growing evil which has unfortunately earned the official recognition of the Ministry of Transport, which registers transfers of licences purchased for large sums of money, with the result that persons who do not fulfil the qualifications laid down by the Ministry in the Road Transport Rules are nevertheless able to acquire taxi licences.

Without going into details about this problem of trading in taxi licences, he continued, or seeking to offer solutions to it, he had no doubt that it was one which demanded the attention of the competent authorities in order to restore a state of affairs consistent with proper administration.

As to the immediate and more limited problem before the High Court — whether it was reasonable that joint holders of taxi licences obtained from the Ministry of Transport should never be able to get separate, individual licences, unless they returned, or sold, their joint licences and waited another 10 years thereafter — it should be considered, held Justice Shamgar, under two heads: First, whether it was unreasonable to distinguish between partners who had received their taxi licence from the authorities and those who had purchased theirs in the open market; and, secondly,



PUSHING BACK THE DESERT: Local Beduin have been engaged by the Jewish National Fund to help in its afforestation project in the Rafah Approaches, south of Gaza. The Beduin are seen here planting eucalyptus trees in the sand dunes near Yamit. (Braun)

Koor export rise predicted

TEL AVIV. — Koor's managing director Meir Amit on Wednesday predicted a 38 per cent increase this year in the firm's exports over the 1975 figure of IL73m.

He told a press conference here sales of weapons, military electronic equipment, fuel storage tanks and pipelines, fertilizers and machines for agriculture will account for a most of the increase. Close to 80 per cent of Koor's IL500m. investments will be in six export-oriented industries in Galilee and in the Negev.

But he complained that the Defence Ministry had ordered 25 per cent less from the firm. Part of the cut was due to the fact the U.S. is giving aid in kind. The former general said he expected defence orders in 1976 will total IL900m.

He said wages at Koor would rise by at least 21 per cent, as a result of increases in the cost of living allowance, promotions and the 6 per cent wage increase agreement between the Histadrut and the employers.

EEC and Maghreb

BRUSSELS. — The European Common Market (EEC) commission yesterday tried to resolve a complaint by Tunisia and Morocco over what they claim are unfavourable terms for their oranges and wine in comparison with those of Algeria.

Sources said the Commission was trying to draft a document that would satisfy the Tunisians and Moroccans without offending Algeria. "But there is no question of renegotiating," one source added.

Under the agreements the community will slash duties by 80 per cent on oranges imported from the three former French territories.

WALL STREET WEEK

Wall Street falls short of 1,000

NEW YORK. — The stock market's string of impressive showings ran out this past week when it took a spill trying to clear the 1,000 barrier in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

In the excitement over the Dow's first test of 1,000 in more than three years, New York Stock Exchange trading volume broke the weekly record set in January.

The Dow spent more than two days, from Tuesday morning through early Thursday afternoon, on the verge of 1,000. But each forward rush stalled at about the 990 level.

Then on Thursday afternoon and Friday, disappointed investors moved in a rush of selling that left the average at 972.61, down 15.19 for the week.

No single session on the big board came close to the record 44.51 million-share volume recorded the previous Friday.

But a steady flow of heavy activity pushed the weekly total to 161.78 million shares, which just barely eclipsed the previous high of 161.74 million during the week of January 19-23.

Throughout February, trading activity continued to set an average daily pace of better than 80 million shares. But in contrast with the previous month, when the Dow rose more than 122 points, the market

had little to show for all its frantic activity.

Declines of 15.74 and 6.22 in the average on Thursday and Friday left it with a net decline of 2.67 for the month.

The economic picture appeared generally bright early in the week, particularly when Chrysler Corp. posted a larger-than-expected operating profit for the fourth quarter of 1975 and said it expected to make money in each quarter this year. But by Friday a series of negative signs had appeared on the interest rate outlook.

Weekly statistics issued by the Federal Reserve showed an acceleration in the growth of the money supply that prompted speculation that the Fed would move toward a more restrictive credit policy.

And the central bank seemed to be doing just that on Friday afternoon when it chose not to intervene in the money markets to prevent the rise of a key short term interest rate above the range in which it had been moving of late.

On Friday morning, New York's First National City Bank raised its prime lending rate from 6½ to 6¾ per cent. Citibank had cut its basic charge on corporate loans to 6¼ about a month ago, but no other major banks had followed its lead.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index posted a 2.39 decline for the

week to 99.71, and the NYSE's composite index was off 1.36 at 53.35.

Chrysler was the week's most active issue, gaining 2¼ to 17¾.

Brokerage house stocks were another notable strong spot. Merrill Lynch, for example, picked up 3¼ to 30¼, and Bache Group rose 2½ to 13¾.

Daily stock market volume of more than 30 million shares is considered to be about double a typical broker's break-even level — and investors are obviously looking for some impressive earnings showings from the major Wall Street firms for at least the early part of this year.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index posted its first weekly drop of the year, losing .54 to 103.37.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was down an even 5 points at 304.5. (AP)

THE BANK LEUMI Trust Company, of New York has announced that its 1975 balance sheet showed a 30 per cent increase over the previous year, to stand at \$782.7m. Deposits, in 1975, increased by 27 per cent to reach \$697m. The bank also grew in paid up capital from \$17.4m. to \$20.4m. Total capital resources and reserves rose by \$35m.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Reduced price campaign at Super-Sol and Supermarket chain stores and shops that have joined the campaign:

AGREED RETAIL PRICES

February 29-March 5, 1976

VEGETABLES		IL/kg.
Best tomatoes		3.50
Carrots		1.80
Eggplant		3.60
White cabbage		1.10
Large radish		1.40
Potatoes, new import, loose		2.60
Potatoes, new import, 2 kg. packs		3.00
Best onions		3.15
Onions, bagged		2.95
Peppers, California		2.75
FRUIT		IL/kg.
Apples, Grand Alexander, size 6		3.80
Apples, Grand Alexander, size 6.5		4.85
Apples, Golden, size 6		4.45
Apples, Golden, size 6.5		4.80
Apples, Jonathan, size 5.5		3.90
Pears, Spadona, size 5		3.60
Pears, Spadona, size 5.5		4.70
Bananas		4.00
Oranges		2.15
Grapefruit		1.90
Lemons		3.10
POULTRY		
FROZEN MEAT CHICKENS IN TRANSPARENT BAG		
Size 1 (up to 1.4 kg./bird)		11.00
Size 2 (up to 1.6 kg./bird)		10.00
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 - * The film, Rainy Day, will be shown every day at 11.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Saturday at 8.30 p.m.
 - * Gallery talk at the exhibition on March 2, at 8 p.m. by Mrs. Dorit Itat. The exhibition will close on March 6.

In response to public request, visiting hours at the Hundertwasser Exhibition will be extended from Sunday Feb. 22 till March 6. The new hours: Sun. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tue. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-10 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. 7-11 p.m.

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CONCERTS

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Tuesday, Mar. 2, 8.30 p.m. Vera Veldman, violin
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Saturday, Mar. 6, 8.30 p.m., the Israel Trio
Alexander Volkov, piano, Menahem Breuer, violin, Zvi Harel, cello.
Programme: Martinu, Five Short Pieces; Mozart, Trio in E Major; Brahms, Trio in C Major.

LECTURES

Monday, Mar. 1, 8.30 p.m. Subscription Series 2, Symbolism to Protest on the Eve of World War I. Lecture 5 — Cubism, given by Dr. Gila Balas, Tel Aviv University.

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In cooperation with the Italian Culture Institute, Arts Faculty Tel Aviv University, and the Israel-Italy League.

Wednesday, Mar. 3, 8.00 p.m. "Introduction to the Art of Armenia" (with slides) given by Prof. Fernanda de Maffei, Rome University; in English, entrance free.

Wednesday, March 3, 11.00 a.m. In the Series "Engravings and Etchings" — Lecture 2, "Various Techniques in Graphic Art," given by artist Naomi Smilansky, with the cooperation of the Information Centre.

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The logic of pressure

PROFESSOR Ephraim Urbach's moving appeal to El Al pilots on Friday that they should give up some of their excessively high wage out of a sense of patriotism and social responsibility will probably not fall on altogether deaf ears. Israel's aircrews are good citizens, like other serious-minded working people in the country. But they will still not volunteer to take a pay cut — unless the authorities make them.

There is here the logic of pressure and counter-pressure in a democratic society. Everybody tries to get as much as he can, and that is reasonable. Like other occupation groups, the aircrews will choose the most tough-minded of their colleagues to represent them. El Al must be tough as well. It must know how much it can give, and where to draw the line.

And here lies the problem. The company does not know exactly where it is supposed to make a stand, because up to now the Government has never set limits. The official attitude — in every area of economic policy — was always to placate by making special deals, even if it meant at times breaking the law. The realization that he who argues hardest gets the most has fostered intransigence among workers' representatives, with the results that the country faces now.

When Yehoshua Rabinowitz became Finance Minister two years ago, it was thought that the administration was turning over a new leaf. The tax reform that he commissioned was to be applied "in its totality" (his own phrase, which he used repeatedly). But lately, the old process of erosion has been starting again. Bus fares to and from work are tax exempt, and other compromises are in the air.

It is not only the tax reform that has to be applied in its entirety. All the other items of policy that have been solemnly announced at different times must be honoured too — a balanced budget, an end to the subsidisation of lame ducks, the application of competitive conditions, even if it means dismissals. Professor Bruno's resignation can be seen as a protest against the stream of concessions, the surrenders, the political give-and-take which have marred the Government's performance in domestic affairs over the last two decades, and which could wreck the latest attempt at stabilising the economy.

Mr. Rabinowitz apprised the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday that the tax reform will apply to El Al after all. This is welcome news. But he still did not tell the managers of El Al all they need to know. They should be informed also how much money they have to pay.

There is here a complex policy problem that has been left on ice for a considerable time. It looks as if it will now have to be settled one way or the other. The airline points out that if it has to pay its way — including the pilots' high gross salaries — then it should get for the dollars it earns the same export incentive as is given to firms engaged in visible trade rather than the official rate it now receives.

Certainly there is an exchange-rate at which El Al (and if El Al, then Zim as well) should be expected to operate without any kind of subsidy — either the present concealed subsidy to the pilots or in the form of a rebate to the company. Once El Al knows finally what its financial resources are, it can negotiate a new collective agreement with the staff. If the staff discover what the limits are, they can be persuaded to make some of the necessary concessions.

And not a few of the individual crew members would be secretly pleased that their arms were twisted — that they were compelled by a firm stand on the part of management to make that small sacrifice for the common good.

The Kremlin has long used its arms exports as an instrument for expansion. A vast surplus exists because of a defence strategy that foresees a combination of conventional and nuclear warfare. Michael Checinski chronicles the growth of the Russian arms industry and its effects on the general economic situation in the USSR.

Behind the flood of Soviet arms

BEHIND THE SERIES of local conflicts which have been threatening world peace for the past two decades, one could all too often detect the predominant role of Soviet arms. The export of weapons has indeed become one of the main instruments of political and military expansion in the hands of the Kremlin.

The Soviet Union cannot render extensive economic assistance abroad: Moscow itself is in need of foreign credits and eagerly seeks access to Western technology. Nevertheless, its arms exports are astonishing in both quantity and quality. Apart from geopolitical motives, extensive arms exports are rooted in Soviet military doctrine and Soviet war-economic planning.

Since the early '60s, the Soviet General Staff has acted on the assumption that any major war involving the USSR will require massive nuclear strikes — combined with the deployment of huge conventional armies both at the front and in the rear.

To be able to fight such a war, it is necessary to mass-produce increasingly sophisticated weaponry and equipment on a vast scale. Also, large reserves of strategic arms must be kept on hand, ready for use, to replace war losses; and ample reserves of machinery and raw materials must be made available to industry to ensure continued weapons production immediately following the outbreak of a war.

This Soviet military doctrine, which has no equivalent in the West in its stress on conventional armed forces even in conditions of a nuclear war — has had a profound impact on the Soviet economy. For it has meant that the entire economy must be subordinated to the needs of military planning, and more particularly to the requirements of modern weapons production.

THE NEW MILITARY doctrine was reinforced over the years by a number of developments, mainly involving former Soviet allies.

The growing controversy with China raised the possibility of a large-scale military clash along the Siberian border in which only conventional weapons, mainly tanks and aircraft, would be used. The Soviet General Staff found itself ill-equipped for such an eventuality. No wonder then that for several weeks after the frontier incident with China in 1969, virtually all of Soviet industry was turned over to the production of conventional arms. From that time on, the mass production of such arms became an axiom of strategic planning in the USSR.

In the early '60s after Albania followed China out of the Soviet bloc, the USSR was deprived of its only naval bases in the Mediterranean: the ports of Vlora and Durres. The Soviet Navy was suddenly faced with the need to build a large number of floating bases as well as auxiliary vessels.

An additional spur to the Soviet arms industry was the emergence of a large number of independent and arms-hungry countries in Asia and Africa. The wars in the Middle East and Southeast Asia provided the Soviet General Staff with further proof of the need to produce large quantities of conventional weapons.

ALL THIS RESULTED in a Soviet decision to greatly accelerate the production of conventional weapons — mainly tanks, planes and artillery. Success was reported, as early as 1967, by Defence Minister Marshal Andrei Grechko himself. Whereas heavy industrial production in the Soviet Union increased tenfold in the years 1940 to 1967, the output of military equipment for the

Soviet Army grew 15-35 times during the same period ("Pravda," Oct. 13, 1967). And most of this increase took place during the 1960s.

The expansion of the armaments industry came at the expense of basic services, products and commodities for the civilian market. Even where industrial goods were made available to satisfy civilian needs — for example, watches, radios, television sets, refrigerators, or civilian airplanes — their production represented only a reserve manufacturing capacity for the armed services. The technological expertise first manifested in these goods was first exploited for military purposes. Because these products are war-related, sophisticated "consumer" goods are in fairly plentiful supply today, yet Soviet citizens continue to experience chronic shortages of such basic items as food, clothing, and housing.

Another example of the spillover of military technology into the civilian economy may be seen in the uneven development of the transportation sector. Between 1960 and 1970 the number of passengers travelling on civilian aircraft within the Soviet Union rose from 18 million to 70 million — a nearly five-fold increase. However, the number of passengers travelling by bus over interurban lines in this period only doubled while the Soviet bus routes were actually reduced. The explanation is simple. Every Soviet airplane is a part of the strategic air reserve. Buses are of far lesser military significance.

THE STRUCTURE of the Soviet war force, too, has been affected by military thinking. Although the U.S. manufacturing output exceeds that of the USSR by 40 per cent, the Soviets have trained almost three times as many engineers as the Americans (2,320,000 in the Soviet Union, 990,000 in the U.S. in 1972). This excess of engineers cannot have been considered necessary for the civilian economy. Its only likely uses are military, both in peace and (especially) in war.

The profusion of military goods poses a number of problems for the Soviet leaders, however. The major problem is what to do with vast quantities of slightly older equipment, once the supplies of new weapons have become adequate. The huge capacity of the Soviet war industry — much of which cannot be switched over to civilian production — inevitably results in the quick obsolescence of vast quantities of fresh military goods. Storing and conserving these surplus arms require trained personnel, as well as storage and maintenance facilities which might be put to more profitable use elsewhere.

In most cases exports offer the best solution to the surplus arms problem; and this is one reason why the Soviet Union has become a major arms exporter in the world market. Deliveries are usually carried out promptly, provided only that the sale also serves the political interests of the USSR and the financial terms are satisfactory.

Thus while the Soviet Union is forced to buy bread from the U.S. to feed Russian mouths, Soviet industry is free to produce an endless stream of lethal armaments, many of which will sooner or later be used in Kremlin-sponsored wars the world over.

Before his immigration to Israel in 1969, Dr. Checinski was senior researcher at Warsaw's Institute of War Economics.

Short circuit in energy planning

IT IS NOT only in economic performance that Israel suffers from lack of long-term planning.

The country's growing pollution problem is a case in point. Failure to think ahead is responsible for a worsening water supply situation, and the consequent reliance on the vagaries of annual rainfall. Neglect has led to inordinate urban sprawl, with its adverse social effects. And the rising toll of road and industrial accidents is caused not so much by neglect, as by the absence of adequate counter-measures.

Energy supply is also a victim of had planning, although the consequences of this may not be apparent for several years.

Energy policy must be planned years ahead because of the design requirements of modern power plants — some of which take almost a decade to build — because of the huge capital outlay involved and because of the implications for broad areas of national life.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a special ministry to deal with these complex matters was proposed several years ago; nothing to date has come of it. Since that proposal was made, the Development Ministry has been merged with Commerce and Industry; priority has been given to other problems and crucial decisions on energy have either been shelved

A special ministry for energy was proposed several years ago but it never got off the ground. Post Economic Editor Moshe Ater calls for a closer look at the problem of nuclear safety.

or taken without proper study. No responsible brain trust has been set up to do the necessary groundwork.

THIS IS ALL the more unfortunate since decisions must be taken into account not only the size and location of power stations, but new technologies and rapidly changing cost calculations.

The plan to partially fuel the new Hadera power plant with coal, and thus reduce dependence on imported oil, has already run into severe criticism because of transport and pollution problems, and it may have to be reconsidered from the cost angle.

Agriculture cost analysis casts doubt on the wisdom of rushing into construction of a nuclear power plant (the Electric Corporation issued a tender last September for a \$500 million plant to be built near Nitzan, between Ashdod and Ashkelon).

Professor Edward Teller has

argued that nuclear plants should be built underground, but his sound suggestion has not been duly considered.

NEXT TO NOTHING is being done to promote conservation of energy supplied by existing plants. Israel is one of the few countries in which energy consumption is rising faster than the GNP. The latter has declined since the Yom Kippur War, but use of electric current increased five per cent in 1974, and nine per cent in the first three quarters of 1975.

Both the public and the authorities are out of touch with developments in the field of energy. This is demonstrated by the lack of response to the spreading alarm in the U.S. over nuclear plant safety.

Three prominent California engineers recently resigned from General Electric's nuclear energy division, claiming in a joint statement that they would not shoulder responsibility for C.E. plants which they helped design. (One of the engineers was teaching reactor safety to a team of Egyptian chemists, while another was being consulted by an Israeli team.)

The resignations set off shock waves in the U.S., but seemed to have prompted no reaction by the people here in charge of planning the reactor. Perhaps there is no cause for worry. But one would like to be confident that the issue is being given the serious attention it warrants.

READERS' LETTERS

SOVIET IMMIGRANTS' ASSOCIATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In her report, "Feign elected to lead Soviet newcomers" (February 10), Sarah Honig writes that at the meeting of the Executive of the Soviet Immigrants' Association there were two competing lists, one headed by Grisha Feign and the other by the undersigned who hoped to win the support of the Labour Party, but finally ran on a list backed chiefly by circles close to Mapam.

I wish to protest both against the content and the presentation of this report.

Here is the list on which I ran: Dr. Victor Polsky, Professor Alexander Voronel, Daniel Blutz, Dr. Yitzhak Zeitlin, David Sorek, Robert Aligulashvili and Boris Ibergimov.

It is obvious from its composition that there is no justification in describing it as a party list. The list was headed by Dr. Victor Polsky and not by me, and it is well known that both Professor Voronel and Dr. Polsky are two of the outstanding activists in favour of the immigration of Soviet Jews. In fact, only one member of the list is a member of Mapam — David Sorek, chairman of our Hebrew branch. I believe it was harmful and unnecessary to give such a partisan description of the elections and to try to fit Soviet immigrants — who are basically not party-affiliated — into the sad reality of party conflicts which characterize Israeli life.

DANIEL BLUTZ,
Executive Director,
Association of
Soviet Immigrants
Tel Aviv, February 10.

Sarah Honig Comments:

I fully share Mr. Blutz's distaste for the fact that partisanship in Israel is all-encompassing and finds its way into every organization and association. But even if the phenomenon is regrettable and unfortunate, it is still a fact of life and will not disappear if we decide to ignore it.

Whether we like it or not, there is a block of Labour members on the 31-member executive of the Soviet Immigrants' Association, and they as well as the Likud-affiliated members decided to back Grisha Feign and his list, despite their anti-establishment, activist tendencies. It was expected that the Labour members would back Mr. Blutz and the fact that they decided to do otherwise came as an unexpected development.

The result was that the list on which Mr. Blutz ran was backed, as "The Jerusalem Post" report said, "chiefly by persons close to Mapam and others who disapproved of Labour backing for an activist such as Feign." This has nothing to do with how many members on Blutz's list actually belong to Mapam or not. Their personal party affiliation is not the subject at hand, but rather who their backers were.

As to the composition of the list, Mr. Blutz was the main contender on it. Prof. Voronel and Dr. Polsky did not take an active part in the campaigning and their names received star billing on no less than three of the four lists which competed in the elections, including on Mr. Blutz's list.

JEWISH WOMEN IN BRITAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I feel I really must protest on behalf of Jewish women in Britain over Geoffrey Wigoder's picture of our life style (January 16). In Birmingham where I was born and have lived all my life, we certainly do not "behave as though we were in a Polish village."

We have a population of some 6,000 Jewish men, women and children. Our activities include five WIZO groups, Bnai Brith, 35-group, Friendship groups, six justices of the peace, membership in many non-Jewish groups, volunteer work at hospitals and Citizens Advice

Bureau. Our Anglo-Israeli Friendship League promotes sympathy and understanding with Israel and we talk to as many non-Jewish groups as possible. Perhaps if we were not quite so concerned with Zionism and Israel, our efforts would turn more to local politics. It is a question of priority and I can assure you these activities go on all over Britain.

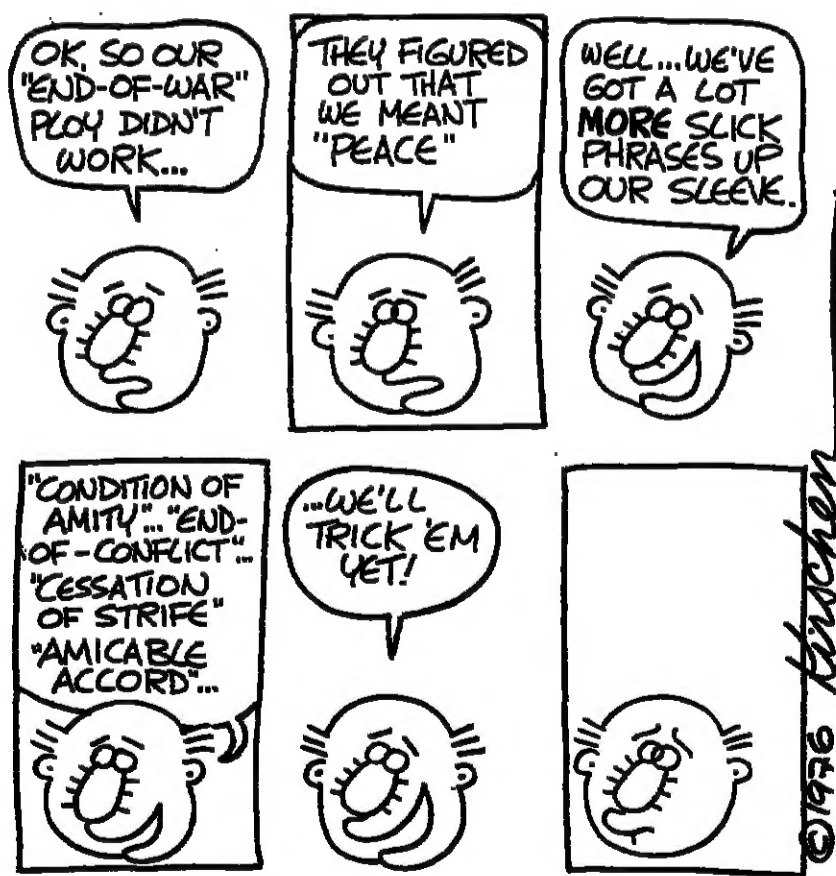
MIRIAM HARRIS (Mrs.),
Hon. Chairman,
The Anglo-Israeli
Friendship League
Solihull, West Midlands, February 10.

BLACK MARKET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Government's latest bit of fiscal wisdom — a 15 per cent surcharge on the \$450 that Israelis are permitted to purchase for foreign travel — will stimulate still further the local black market. The "official" exchange rate of 17.35 per dollar is now relevant only to tourists, since for everyone else the rate is 15 to 25 per cent higher. Trying to force tourists to part with their dollars at this rate is close to highway robbery and is hardly likely to succeed.

CHARLES S. HEXTLE
Rehovot, February 16.

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